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[illegible] MAIL [illegible]

1ST [illegible] FROM [illegible] MARSEILLES [illegible] WITH [illegible] AT BRINDISI [illegible]

[illegible]

The above Regular Mail Steamers [illegible]

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The above Steamers convey [illegible] and London.

[illegible] for Brindisi [illegible] Steamer at Port Said.

[illegible] the BALLARD [illegible] of sailing. [illegible] at 12-30 p. m. [illegible] Medical Inspection by the Health Officer of the Port.

Friends of Passengers [illegible] Mail Steamers.

* INTERMEDIATE [illegible]

The S.S. "ARCADIA," [illegible] BOMBAY, at 2 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, [illegible] MARCH, 1912, direct for MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON, conveying Passengers [illegible] only at SPECIAL FARES.

To Marseilles ... [illegible]

To London by Sea, [illegible] or Rs. 627 [illegible]

TO COLOMBO, STRAITS, CHINA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The Company's Steamers leave Bombay fortnightly usually on WEDNESDAYS, taking Passengers for the [illegible], China and Japan, and Return Tickets are issued on favourable terms.

For Accommodation and further information, apply to

W. C. SYMES,
Superintendent.

Bombay.

GRINDLAY, GROOM & CO.,

BANKERS, ARMY, & PASSENGER AGENTS,

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PASSAGE & SHIPPING.

PASSAGES	Booked without charge.
BERTHS	Carefully Selected.
STEAMER PLANS	Sent for Inspection.
HANDBOOK	Giving details of Fares, Sailings, &c., gratis.
BAGGAGE	Shipped and insured.
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CALCUTTA:	GRINDLAY & CO.
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REGULAR SAILING FROM BOMBAY TO MARSEILLES AND LIVERPOOL.

The following SAILINGS have been arranged:—

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leave Bombay.
*Circassia...	6710	G. F. Osborne	[illegible] 1912
Scindia	5108	W. Kelso	[illegible]
*Castalia ...	6588	G. Mitchell	[illegible]
*Elysia	6368	A. Haig	[illegible]
Massilia......	5093	J. Thomson	[illegible]
Olympia	5121	E. H. Brown, R.N.R.	[illegible]
*Circassia...	6710	G. F. Osborne R.N.R.	[illegible]
Scindia	5108	Wm. Kelso	[illegible]
*Castalia	6588	G. Mitchell	3rd May
*Elysia	6368	A. Haig	17th [illegible]
Massilia	5093	J. Thomson	2nd June

*Fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

FARES.

	Single.	Return.
Bombay to Suez ...	Rs. 412	617
Bombay to Portsaid ...	448	677
Bombay to Marseilles and back from Liverpool ...	578	884
Bombay to London Overland from Marseilles and back from Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bombay to Gibraltar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bombay to Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bombay to New York	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bombay to Cairo, including rail from Suez	[illegible]	[illegible]

All return tickets are available for [illegible]

Concessions granted to families, Railway [illegible], Hospital Nurses, Missionaries, Tea planters [illegible]

Each steamer carries a duly qualified Surgeon and experienced Stewardess and is fitted with every comfort.

All steamers have electric lights and [illegible] in every cabin free of charge.

Officers of the Army are accepted [illegible] attached to conveying their leave [illegible] in arrival of steamer, [illegible] within the period of their leave.

The [illegible] rates to Europe [illegible]

B. I. S. N. [illegible] steamer between [illegible]

For any further information [illegible] apply to the undersigned.

W. & A. GRAHAM [illegible]
Agents.

[illegible]

THE RETAIL [illegible] THE BOMBAY [illegible] in Poona, Kirkee, &c. [illegible] copy.

The rates for [illegible] numbered, viz., [illegible] credit, or Rs. [illegible] post free.

SHIPPING.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Ld.

[illegible] TO PERSIAN GULF [illegible]

FOR KARACHI.

Weekly from [illegible] Dock.

Steamer.	Tons.	Sailing.	Date.	Time.	Route via
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mon.	1st Jan.	[illegible]	via P. D. [illegible]
[illegible]	1820	Thurs.	4th Jan.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	2184	Fri.	5th Jan.	[illegible]	direct

[illegible]

PERSIAN GULF PORTS.

S. S. "Pathana," 2098 tons, on Wednesday [illegible] January, calling at Veraval, Mangrol, Karachi, Pasni, Gwadur, Charbar, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bahrein, Bushire, Kowcit, Mahommerah and Busrah.

FOR EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA.
(Monthly.)

S. S. "Palamcotta," 3418 tons, on or about 20th January, calling at Seychelles, Mombasa, [illegible], Mozambique, Beira, Delagoa Bay and Durban.

FOR COAST PORTS AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "Landaura" 3358 tons on or about 12th January.

FOR RANGOON OR CALCUTTA (Direct).

Frequent sailings, with onward connections to ports in Arracan, Burmah, Straits Settlements, Mauritius, Australia, and New Zealand.

Terms and rates of freight and passage may be arranged with

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents, Bombay.

1st January, 1912.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY.
Polynesien	6363	Bruno	18th Jan. 1912.
Ville de la Ciotat	6378	Eschenauer	15th Feb. 1912.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14th March 1912.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11th April 1912.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9th May 1912.
[illegible]	6147	[illegible]	6th June 1912.
Salazie	4147	[illegible]	4th July 1912.

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

RETURN TICKETS can be made available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes, and the Return Voyage by the Austrian Lloyd's or the Navigations General Italiana's at Reduced Fares.

TO AUSTRALIA DIRECT
AND THE FAR EAST, TRANSHIPPING AT COLOMBO.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on or about
Oceanien ...	4132	Cousin	26th Jan. 1912.
Armand Behic	6385	Guionnet......	23rd Feb. 1912.

For further particulars apply to—

J. de COURTOIS,
Albert Building Hornby Road, Agent.

SOCIETA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI MARITTIMI (RUBATTINO LINE.)

BOMBAY to NAPLES and GENOA direct.

FOR BRINDISI and VENICE Transhipping at PORT SAID.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
R. Rubattino...	4,580	Piazzoni	15th Jan. 1912
R. Baldu no...	4,580	D. Maganzini	15th Feb. 1912

RATES TO THE ABOVE PORTS INCLUSIVE OF WINE, BEER AND FANS.

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
Single Tickets........	Rs. 500	Rs. 350	Rs. 150
Return Tickets available two years........	Rs. 750*	Rs. 525	Rs. 237-8

*Inside Cabins, Rs. 400 Single and Rs. 600 Return.

Through and Return Tickets to LONDON on application.

Through tickets to New York in connection at Naples or Genoa. 1st Class, Rs. 740; Special Rates for Missionaries. Passengers for Europe have the option of going via Genoa and returning via Venice [illegible] their journey at any [illegible]

INTERCHANGEABLE RETURN TICKETS

[illegible] issued to return either by the [illegible] from Marseilles, or the Austrian Lloyd from [illegible]

BOMBAY to SINGAPORE; KOBE AND HONGKONG.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
India	4,000	G. Salvia	[illegible]
Capri	6,000	P. Figari	[illegible]

Fares to COLOMBO Rs. [illegible] to SINGAPORE Rs. [illegible] HONGKONG Rs. [illegible]

Through bills of lading [illegible] Ports issued.

Subject to alteration.

For further particulars apply to

G. [illegible]

[illegible]

BOMBAY AMERICAN LINE.

DIRECT SAILINGS MONTHLY TAKING CARGO FOR NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA OR BALTIMORE.

For further particulars [illegible] freight, etc., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & CO.
[illegible]

BANKS.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, Ltd.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... £2,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ... £1,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... [illegible]

HEAD OFFICE:
26, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E.C.

BRANCHES:

Calcutta,	Cochin,	[illegible]
Bombay,	Chittagong,	[illegible]
Madras,	[illegible]	[illegible]
Karachi,	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lahore,	Colombo,	[illegible]
Amritsar,	Kandy,	[illegible]
Delhi,	Nuwara Eliya,	[illegible]
Cawnpore,	Aden (Camp),	[illegible]
Tuticorin,	Aden (Steamer Point)	[illegible]

FIXED DEPOSITS.—The Bank [illegible]

[illegible]

BILLS OF EXCHANGE [illegible] of Europe, India, China, Africa, and America [illegible] collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and [illegible] of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe, [illegible] and Australia. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] CASH CREDITS [illegible]

Post Box No. 181.
[illegible] McCARTY, BOMBAY.

COX & CO.

BANKERS AND AGENTS.

ESTABLISHED 1758.

Registered under the Companies (Consolidated) Act 1908.

CAPITAL PAID UP £400,000
RESERVE......................... £ 50,000

HEAD OFFICE:—16, Charing Cross, London.

BRANCHES:—Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, [illegible] Pindi, Murree and Srinagar (Kashmir).

[illegible] BUSINESS of every [illegible] transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and DEPOSITS received, rates of INTEREST [illegible] obtained upon application.

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS opened, terms on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT issued, and DRAFTS granted on London at the Current Rate of Exchange, and on Branches and Agents throughout India.

TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made and ADDRESSES Registered in London free of charge.

INSURANCES of every description effected.

SHIPPING, PASSAGE AND AGENCY BUSINESS of every description, including IMPORT and EXPORT of GOODS and BAGGAGE, with STORAGE of [illegible] effected by COX & Co. [illegible] AGENCY, Limited, [illegible] Bombay, [illegible] Cox & Co.'s SAILING LISTS and HANDBOOK supplied on application.

A copy of the half yearly Balance Sheet will be forwarded on application.

HEAD OFFICE:

16, CHARING CROSS, LONDON, S. W.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, Ld.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Yen 48,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 30,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS ... [illegible] 50,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:—

Antung-Hsien	Fengtien (Moukden)
Bombay	Shanghai
Dalny	[illegible]
Changchun	New York
Dalren (Dalny)	Osaka
Hankow	Peking
Hongkong	Ryojun (Port Arthur)
[illegible]	San Francisco
Kobe	Shanghai
[illegible]	Tientsin
London	[illegible]
Lyons	Tokyo

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS [illegible] approved customers, and interest [illegible] rate per annum on daily balance of [illegible] Rs. 100,000, provided that the amount of half-yearly interest is not less than Rs. 5.

FIXED DEPOSITS are received for [illegible] shorter periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

N. [illegible]

Post Box No. 207,
Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £ [illegible]
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... £ [illegible]
PAID-UP CAPITAL.......... £ [illegible]
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £ [illegible]
[illegible] FUNDS ... £ 325,000

HEAD OFFICE:

[illegible]

LONDON BANKERS:

The Bank of England [illegible]

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

BOMBAY, KARACHI, [illegible] HOWRAH (Calcutta), [illegible] COLOMBO, KANDY, [illegible] KUALA LUMPUR, PENANG, [illegible] SHANGHAI.

The Bank negotiates and collects bills [illegible] Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, [illegible] issues Letters of Credit for the use of Travellers.

The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms:—

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance [illegible] Rs. 2,000 [illegible] to Rs. 100,000 [illegible] 1,00,000 [illegible] application.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

[illegible] fixed deposits for 12 months [illegible] obtained on application.

[illegible]

BOMBAY RACES.

GOERZ TRIEDER BINOCULARS.

No. 20. Linear magnification 6 x. Surface magnification [illegible]. Actual field of view 8°7. Subjective field [illegible] ... ... Price Rs. 110.

No. [illegible] The extreme magnifying power of this glass renders it useful for all occasions where a distinct image of objects at great distances is required. [illegible] in the Army and Navy or at Races, [illegible] for the Theatre. Linear magnification x [illegible] magnification 144 x. Actual field of view 4° 40. Subjective field [illegible] ... ... Price Rs. 144.

GOERZ PAGOR BINOCULARS.

The smallest [illegible] Telescope in Opera, Army and Sporting models. Small, handy, and convenient in form, the "Pagor" may be easily carried in the pocket. [illegible] sharp and clear. Focussed in the same manner as the ordinary Opera glass by the rotation of a single wheel. x 8 weight 10½ oz. x 10 weight 11 oz. ... ... Price Rs. 122-8 and Rs. 123.

GOERZ NEO TRIEDER BINOCULAR.

These glasses give increased Stereoscopic effect. Enlarged field of view, great illumination of the pictures. Focussed by rack and wheel. Right ocular separately adjusted to allow for inequality of vision, x 8 diameters [illegible] Actual field 4° with leather case and slings. Weight [illegible] ... ... Price Rs. [illegible]

GOERZ [illegible] TRIEDER BINOCULAR.

[illegible] of these glass are increased stereoscopic [illegible] enlarged field of view. [illegible] Oculars. [illegible] model specially [illegible] field of view [illegible] case and slings ... Price Rs. 122[illegible]

[illegible] & CO., Ld., BOMBAY & POONA.

RECOMMENDING THE ENLARGOPHOTE CO.

I [illegible] pleasure in [illegible] these few lines of appreciation [illegible] in which [illegible] ENLARGEMENTS of the PHOTOS of my Children was done. [illegible] very pleased [illegible] opportunity of recommending [illegible] Enlargement of their PHOTOS. [illegible]

I am, Yours [illegible]

W. [illegible] THOMAS.

SPECIAL FREE PHOTO OFFER.

An elegant [illegible] Enlargement for [illegible] only.

A Fully Finished Permanent Bromide Enlargement, [illegible] only.

Price-lists and samples of our Work on application.

Terms:—Full [illegible]

THE ENLARGOPHOTE CO.,

[illegible] Floor, [illegible] above Sutor & Co., Kalbadevi, Bombay.

FOR XMAS SEASON.

SPECIAL [illegible] of MACCARONI, VERMICELLI and SOUP PASTES in boxes of 12 [illegible] each box.

FRESHLY ARRIVED and now unpacked the following:—

[illegible] in tin foil (cream de la cream) Rs. 2-14.

[illegible] (Extra choice) [illegible] boxes at Rs. 2.

[illegible]

FRESH MALAGA GRAPES [illegible] in bulk.

[illegible] PROVISIONS and OILMANSTORES from the well-known [illegible]

Visit our [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] COLABAWALLA SONS & Co.

[illegible] STORES,

[illegible] FORT, BOMBAY.

[illegible] AULT & Co.'s [illegible] ICAL SYRUP

[illegible] NERVINE TONIC FOR BRAIN AND BODY.

[illegible] in cases of Nervous Exhaustion, Neurasthenia, Anaemia, [illegible] convalescence, loss of manhood, etc.

SOLE AGENTS:

V. C. DASTUR & CO.,

[illegible] STREET, BOMBAY.

[illegible] THE KING"!!

[illegible]

BATLIWALA'S [illegible] AND PILLS

[illegible]

BATLIWALA'S [illegible]

BATLIWALA'S [illegible] WORM [illegible]

[illegible] DR. OR [illegible]

[illegible] BATLIWALA [illegible]

Standard Oil Company

OF NEW YORK.

[illegible] BUILDING,

BALLARD [illegible], BOMBAY.

LARGEST [illegible] AND DEALERS IN:—

Kerosene and Lubricating Oils.
Motor Spirit: [illegible] Brand.
Pratt's Genuine [illegible] Turpentine.
Grease.
Paraffine Wax. [illegible]

KEROSINE OIL BRANDS:—

[illegible] 150° in cases.

[illegible]

These well known Brands are imported and sold in cases only.

[illegible] cases [illegible] parts [illegible]

"SHELL" BRAND [illegible]

150°

[illegible] no longer [illegible]

[illegible]

"SHELL"

[illegible]

OTHER 150° OIL COSTS Rs. 6 PER CASE.	REFINED and PACKED 150° TEST in AMERICA.	NO SMOKE and NO SMELL.	"SHELL" COSTS Rs. 5-4 PER CASE.

DON'T allow your Butler or Grocer to decide what Brand of oil you burn.

SEE THAT YOU GET

"SHELL"

THE BEST OIL FOR THE BEST LAMPS.

"SHELL" 150°

IMPORTED BY

THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO., LD.,

GRAHAMS BUILDINGS, BOMBAY.

"SHELL" 150°

MONGINI BROTHERS

CORONATION CHOCOLATES

IN BOXES [illegible]

[illegible] THE [illegible]

[illegible]

THEIR MAJESTIES [illegible]

[illegible]

MONGINI BROS.

27-29, [illegible]

[illegible]

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

The insertion of Advertisements in the "Bombay Gazette" is not guaranteed unless they are delivered at the office by 6 p.m. on the day preceding that on which they are to appear.

NOTICE.

WAGONS FOR EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

TENDERS are invited from firms in India for the construction and delivery to the Eastern Bengal State Railway of 150 Standard (5' 6") GAUGE IRON COVERED JUTE WAGONS 27' 7" long.

2. The quotations are to be submitted for supplying and erecting materials for:—

(1) Underframes complete with axle guards and all fittings, wheels and axles, axle boxes, buffers, draw gear, bearing, safety chains, draw and buffer springs and Vacuum and hand brake fittings complete, which will be supplied by the Railway.

(2) Body iron work including doors, windows, brackets and all fittings.

(3) Body roofing.

(4) Painting and marking.

3. The wagons should be completely constructed in the Contractors' yard and delivered at Naihati free of railway freight or other transit charges.

4. Delivery of completed wagons will be required at the rate of 10 wagons per week, commencing four weeks after supply of the wheels, axles, etc., from England.

5. Copies of specifications, forms of tender and agreement and tracings with full particulars of contract can be obtained at the office of the Manager, Eastern Bengal State Railway on payment of Rs. 100 which will be returned upon receipt of a BONAFIDE tender; but not otherwise.

6. Tenders, which must be enclosed in sealed covers, should be superscribed "Tenders for wagons for Eastern Bengal State Railway" and addressed to the Secretary, Railway Board, Calcutta. They will be received upto the noon of the 1st February 1912.

7. The Railway Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, or to assign any reason for non-acceptance of tender.

R. C. VOLKERS,
Secretary, Railway Board.

Calcutta, the 27th Dec. 1911.

NOTIFICATION.

ENQUIRIES regarding ACCOMMODATION in the AMPHITHEATRE, on the Apollo Bandar, on the occasion of the DEPARTURE from India of THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES, THE KING EMPEROR and QUEEN EMPRESS, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1912, should be made in writing to the Undersigned, before the 3rd January, 1912.

2. When applying for Cards of admission, the address must be given in full and, also, the name of each person for whom a card of admission is required.

E. M. PROES, A. M. Inst. C. E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Bombay, 26th Dec., 1911.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

A NEW THROUGH ROUTE BETWEEN BOMBAY AND PESHAWAR.

FROM the 1st of January, 1912, the Northern Express will run from BOMBAY to PESHAWAR via Rutlam, Muttra, Delhi, Bhatinda, Ferozepur Lahore and Rawalpindi to the following timings:—

DOWN JOURNEY.	UP JOURNEY.
Bombay ...Dep. 9-30 p.m.	Peshawar...Dep. 7-55 a.m
Peshawar...Arr. 10-25 p.m.	Bombay......Arr. 8-20 a.m

	Hours occupied on journey. H.	M.
Bombay to Delhi ...	27	30
" " Meerut ...	29	5
" " Saharanpur ...	30	59
" " Umballa ...	32	24
" " Bareilly ...	32	35
" " Bhatinda ...	33	21
" " Ludhiana ...	34	51
" " Ferozepore ...	34	58
" " Lahore ...	36	50
" " Kathgodam ...	37	30
" " Amritsar ...	37	59
" " Rawalpindi ...	44	31
" " Peshawar ...	48	55

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 29th December, 1911.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
11, MEADOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

WEEKLY SALE.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January 1912, sell by Public Auction at their Sales Rooms at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.) the following:—

By order of the concerned—

6 American New Century Needle Sewing Machine.

A consignment of English file and thief resisting safe by the Midland Safe Co. of Birmingham consisting of—

1 safe 24 by 18 by 18.
2 safes 26 by 20 by 20.
2 safes 28 by 22 by 22.
1 safe 32 by 23 by 23.

A small consignment of high-class electro-plated-ware and superior French bonzeware consisting of vases, jardineers, bread baskets, sweet dishes, silver sugar basins, call bells, salad bowls, French bronze and brass figures, vases, bowls, and Chinese and Japanese bamboo ware.

A lot of Japanese metal ornaments, albums, lacquered ware etc.

200 pieces Indian printed table covers.
60 doz. English plates, sizes 7" to 10"
50 doz. jugs.

On account of the concerned a consignment of Aniline dyes:—

397 by 1-2lb. tins select a dilect violet, B (for dyeing cotton, wool and silk).

65 by 1lb. Durga leather brown 330 for dyeing leather.

90 by 1lb. brown leather Durga brown 17,276.

Besides about 1,900 lbs. scarlet, Naphtamine blue; ink black; jet black; Bonito blue; Excelda yellow, Naphtamine violet, fast green and other dyes.

By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Laloobhai Bacherdass and Co. of 50 square yards flooring tiles superior design No. 58.
[illegible] " " " " No. 61.

On account of the concerned—
[illegible] square yards flooring tiles No. 3010.
[illegible] " " " No. 3004.
[illegible] tons broken glazed tiles.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 2nd January 1912.

J. V. NAVLAKHI & Co.,
Cheapest Dealers in
STATIONERY, DRAWING
AND
PAINTING MATERIALS
For Art Students, Artists, Engineers, etc
RUBBER STAMP MAKERS,
[illegible] KALKADEVI ROAD, BOMBAY

SPECIAL OFFER.

COMMERCIAL ENVELOPES.—"Gazette Commercial," of the following sizes:— [illegible] inch ...Rupee 1 per hundred" [illegible] inch [illegible] 14 per do. " [illegible] there will be an additional charge [illegible] 5 [illegible] Rs. 2½ per thousand" [illegible]

AMUSEMENTS.

EXCELSIOR CINEMATOGRAPH.

TO-NIGHT
GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME
OUR NEW YEAR ATTRACTION

AFTER FIFTY YEARS
OR
The GOLDEN WEDDING

This Film won the Grand Prix of 25,000 francs at the Turin Exhibition 1911.

DON'T MISS THIS TREAT.

TIME AND PRICES AS USUAL.

BOMBAY FOURTH EXTRA MEETING.
SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1912.

OWNERS are reminded that ENTRY CLOSES at 6 P. M., on TUESDAY, 2nd January, 1912.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 27th December, 1911.

SKATING RINK.

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY.
and
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY
being Bank Holidays, there will be
MORNING SESSIONS from 9 to 11.

At 6 o'clock in the evening and 9-30 at night there will be General Skating each day with the Band in Attendance.

WINES, SPIRITS BEERS &C.

CROFT, MODY & CO.

THE following popular and well known BRANDS of WHISKIES can be had Wholesale from

CROFT, MODY & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS, BOMBAY,
OR RETAIL FROM
Messrs. BRANDON & Co.,
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Yours faithfully—(Sd) H. W. WILLIAMS

Bombay, 14th February 1910.

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Yours faithfully,
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ENGLAND'S SOCIAL EVILS.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY THE CHANCELLOR.

Campaign against Poverty and Economic Bondage.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a conference of ministers and lay-workers at Cardiff to-day said his aim was to create an atmosphere, which would compel whatever party was in power to deal with great social evils.

There was a world full of misery and wretchedness, said the Chancellor, but there was a sufficiency of wealth in this land to make provision for that misery. Charity was a hopelessly inadequate remedy; he had got a much more effective way, though his way was not so popular.

Mr. Lloyd George declared there was more poverty to-day than ever before and more economic bondage. He dwelt on what he [illegible]cribed as the "fearful housing accommodation in rural Wales," and said the churches [illegible]ust rouse the conscience of the people. The [illegible]ent one attempted to remedy poverty, one [illegible] immediately accused of socialism and [illegible]setting class against class.

Time would get rid of these "cockatoo phra[illegible]s of unthinking people with limited brains." [illegible]e was prepared to face abuse, insolence and [illegible]lumny, convinced that storms would be his [illegible]estiny to the end of the voyage.

TWO NEW CRUISERS.

Admiralty Contract System Condemned.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Admiralty is negotiating with a northern ship-building firm to arrange to build two cruisers on the Thames, in the hope of giving the industry another chance of life in the district.

The Thames contract is contingent on the men working northern hours, namely, 53 weekly instead of 48. A demonstration which was previously arranged by the Thames workers, to be held in the Trafalgar Squaer to[illegible]y, to demand "fairplay for the T[illegible]nes," is expected to acquiesce in the [illegible]lation.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

[illegible]e demonstration of the Thames workers, [illegible] to-day, unanimously passed resolutions [illegible]lemning the system which drove the bulk of [illegible]iralty contracts into the poorest-paid dis[illegible]cts, and urging the just consideration of the [illegible]fference in wages between London and the [illegible]t-ports.

The resolutions further demanded the [illegible]ppointment of a Royal Commission to enquire [illegible]to the Admiralty contract system.

Among those present at the meeting was Sir William Bull, M. P., who declared that the Government must bear the difference in cos between London and the North, in order to maintain the Thames Yard.

FILMS OF THE DURBAR.

Special Steamer and Train to Carry Them.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

T[illegible] first Delhi Durbar cinematograph films [illegible]e at Charing Cross at ten o'clock to-night. A[illegible]cial trans-Channel steamer and a special tra[illegible] have been engaged, and the films will be rushed to several music-halls, and shown to-night.

LANCASHIRE LABOUR TROUBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

A man named Riley, with his wife, both of them non-members of trade unions, have been obliged to leave their home in Accrington, which has been besieged by hostile operatives, who, otherwise, are perfectly quiet, and who appear to be enjoying the extension of their Christmas holiday.

KING'S VISIT TO MALTA.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

A most varied programme is being arranged in connection with the visit of Their Majesties to Malta. It is unofficially stated that in addition to the usual functions, the programme will include a water carnival, a polo match and an Army and Navy gymkhana, for which the King has presented a cup.

THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

Remarkable Outburst from Mr. Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.

On the eve of a great peace dinner, at which President Taft will be the guest of honour, Mr. Roosevelt publishes an article in the *Outlook* denouncing the arbitration treaties as telling against peace, and "putting us as a nation, in an attitude of unctuous, odious hypocrisy."

THE COTTON DISPUTE.

LONON, Dec. 30.

Sir George Askwith is now in communication with both parties in the cotton dispute.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

Tuan Fan's Escape as a Coolie.

THE REBELS RE-OPEN HOSTILITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.

Tuan-Fan, ex-Director-General of the Hu-Kuang Railway, who was reported on the 19th instant to have been murdered by his soldiers, has arrived in Peking disguised as a coolie. It appears that he bribed his soldiers to announce that they had murdered him. The soldiers killed a pig, and, exhibiting their bloody swords, vowed that the blood was that of Tuan-Fan.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.

The Peace Conference has resolved that the National Convention shall be composed of representatives of the different sections of China, each province forming one section.

Each section will send three delegates, and each delegate will exercise three votes, even if a full number of delegates of that section does not attend.

Delegates will be summoned by telegraph, partly in the name of the Provisional Republican Government, and partly in the name of the Manchu Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.

A telegram from Hankow states that the armistice has expired and that the Republicans have opened fire from Wuchang upon Hanyang.

PORTUGAL AND CATHOLICS

Three Church Dignitaries Expelled.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Archbishop expels from their dioceses, for two years, the Patriarch of Lisbon, the Archbishop of Guarda and the Administrator of the Bishopric of Oporto, for refusing to comply with the Separation Law, and for inciting the clergy against the anti-clericalism of the Republic.

The Episcopate has written a letter to the President of the Republic, declaring that it is impossible to accept the Government's interference and warning him of the danger of embittering the Catholics.

FIGHTING NEAR MELILLA.

Spain Dispatches more Troops.

MADRID, Dec. 29.

It is officially stated that the Spanish losses on Dec 27th were four officers and 64 men killed, and 18 officers and 210 men wounded.

The Moors have received fresh reinforcements and further obstinate fighting is expected.

LOMDON, Dec. 31.

As a result of intelligence from native sources that the enemy are expecting reinforcements to the number of 20,000, Spain has decided to despatch to Melilla all the forces necessary to quell the rising.

P. AND O. COMPANY.

Large Rise in Deferred Stock

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The deferred stock of the P. and O. Company has risen 29 points in the past fortnight. It is believed that negotiations are pending, or have been concluded, with competitors in the Australian trade, also with a view to the increase of traffic to South Africa and Australia.

It is also rumoured that the P. and O. will work in harmony with the Royal Mail Company at all points, where their lines converge.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Transfer to the State.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The ranks of civil servants will be swelled by 18,000 at midnight on Sunday, when the Government takes over the business of the National Telephone Company. The staff have arranged dinners, concerts and dances to-night in celebration of the event.

TURKISH CABINET RESIGNS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.

The Cabinet has resigned owing to the obstruction of the Opposition, which prevented the Chamber of Deputies from discussing the modification of the constitution proposed by the Grand Vizier.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The death is announced of Mr. Walter Sherer.

[Mr. John Walter Sherer, C. S. I., a retired Bengal Civilian, was born in 1823. He was Assistant Secretary with the Government of the N.-W. Provinces, in 1850, was attached to General Havelock's force in the advance on Cawnpore in 1857. He was then appointed Magistrate of Cawnpore, subsequently became Judge of Mirzapore. He was also Fellow of the Calcutta University. The late Mr. Sherer was decorated for services during the Mutiny of 1857. He had published many books, the most among them being "Who is Mary?" "The Conjuror's Daughter," "Henry Nightingale," "Helen, the Novelist," "Wordly Tales," "Annie Child," "At Home and in India," and "Alice of Inn." He collaborated with Colonel Maude, C. B., V. C., in "Memories of the Mutiny", "Daily life in" "Indian Mutiny", and "a Princess of Islam."]

SITUATION IN PERSIA.

Reports of Russian Excesses Untrue.

DETAILS OF ATTACK ON BRITISH PARTY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Authentic despatches from Tabriz show that the reports of the Russian excesses are wholly unfounded. It is equally untrue that the Ark has been destroyed. There have been no casualties among foreigners. It is supposed that the Russian losses number from 100 to 200, but the mortality among the native non-combatants is not large.

The Russian occupation is now complete, and all the Fidais have disappeared. The banks and European houses are resuming business.

The Consul, Mr. Smart, was wounded in the thigh in the recent attack on Indian sowars by road-guards.

TEHERAN, Dec. 30.

There are now four thousand Russian troops at Tabriz.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.

It is announced that 5,000 Russian troops are in Tabriz, and two battalions of Cossacks at Resht. Two other battalions are proceeding to Resht from Kasvin. Three warships of the Caspian Squadron are ensuring order at Enzeli.

Mr. Smart Slightly Wounded Only.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Foreign Office announces that the wound received by the Consul, Mr. Smart, in the recent fighting near Kazerun, was very slight.

BUSHIRE, Dec. 31.

The cruiser "Fox" arrived here yesterday, and landed 169 men of the Carnatic Infantry against possible contingencies.

The details of the incident in which Mr. Smart was wounded, show that in the second attack the British causualties were five sowars killed and ten wounded, and fourteen horses killed and twelve wounded. The troops had to fight a rearguard action for eight miles under a heavy fire from eight hundred tribsmen, armed with the latest magazine rifles. Mr Smart fell from his horse unnoticed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 30.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* learns that the question of sending reinforcements to the Persian Gulf, is now under the consideration of the Government of India.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 30.

The *Pioneer* understands that the question of sending reinforcements to Southern Persia will be decided almost immediately.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

The *Englishman* has the information that tribesmen in South Persia now possess more than a million rifles, and that the Kashgais have patched up their long standing feud with the Baharloo tribesmen, and are making preparations to oppose any British troops that may enter Persia.

TURCO-ITALIAN WAR.

Neutrality of Egypt to be Preserved.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Dec. 30.

An Italian column on the 26th instant, advanced up the Derna river to protect the engineers engaged in repairing the aqueduct supplying the town of Rome with water. A column came into contact with a large force of Turks, who possessed many quick-firing guns. The Itali[illegible] to effect a turning movement, and[illegible]rp fight retired to their entrenchments, [illegible]y lost three killed and seventy-seven wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The cruiser "Suffolk" has been ordered to proceed to Egypt. She sails under sealed orders, and goes to preserve the neutrality of Egypt.

CROWN PRINCE OF SAXONY.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.

The *Lokalanzeiger* states that the Crown Prince of Saxony will start on a visit to Ceylon in the middle of April.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

Second Test Match Begun at Melbourne.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The weather was cool and showery, but there was a large attendance at the opening of the second test match between England and Australia.

Australia won the toss and batted first, making 184 runs. Ransford scored 43, and Hordern 49. Barnes took five wickets for 44 runs.

England then went in and made 38 runs for one wicket.

Team to visit England.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30.

The Board of Control has appointed Mr. Clem Hill, Mr. Iredale and Mr. McAlister to select the team, which is to visit England.

Mr. Hill has been appoint[illegible] captain of the team, and Mr. Trumper, vice-captain.

BOXING.

Johnson to Fight McVea.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.

Johnson has agreed to fight McVea at Sydney, the contest probably taking place on Easter Monday.

Johnson will receive a purse of thirty thousand dollars, with five thousand for training expenses.

BERLIN'S POISONED POOR.

Partial Solution of the Mystery.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

There is alarm in Berlin at no solution having been found to the poisoning mystery. The cases in the municipal shelter have reached 132, and there have been sixty deaths.

The Kaiser has demanded a report from the Minister of the Interior. Similar cases have been reported from other parts of the city, but hitherto only the ill-nourished poor have been affected.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.

The cases of poisoning among the paupers now number 141, while 70 deaths have occurred.

The earlier cases are attributed to fish-poisoning, but the cause of the later ones is doubtful.

The police have ordered the paupers to throw away the spirits manufactured in certain distilleries.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The revenue returns for the quarter ended to-day amount to £40,888, 863, an increase of £1,872,226.

THE MACNAMARA OUTRAGE.

Further Indictment and Arrests.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.

The Federal Grand Jury is investigating the Macnamara outrage and has indicted the Macnamaras and three other labour leaders for conspiracy and unlawful transport of dynamite.

LATER.

Those arrested include Mr. T. Vietmore, the President of the Asiatic Exclusion League.

BEHAR AND ORISSA.

Claim for High Court Probable.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 30.

The *Pioneer* writes :—"A large body of lawyers at Patna is not likely to be long in claiming a separate High Court for the new province. If the legal profession at Dacca, which started with no separatist tendencies, had recently begun to express aspirations for a High Court independent of Calcutta, it is certain that Behar with its strong provincial spirit will not long remain content without such an institution. The creation of a provincial tribunal at Patna, coupled with the relapse of Assam into a separate Chief Commissionership, should lessen materially the volume of litigation pouring in upon the High Court of Calcutta, and should enable it eventually to get through its work with a staff of less than fifteen, let alone twenty judges. Effects of a more subtle kind may also follow from the change.

The removal of the Government of India to Delhi will leave the Calcutta High Court for all practical purposes as much a provincial institution as any other in the country. The affectation of higher status which was expressed in the efforts of late Chief Justice to get himself styled "Chief Justice of India" must die down in due course before the logic of facts. On the Bar the effect, we fear, will probably be unfortunate. It takes little to depress the falling stock and the move of the Government of India up-country can only tend to lessen waning attractions of Calcutta for young English barristers. The European Bar of Calcutta twenty-five years ago, headed as it was by dozen leaders whose names were known throughout India, was wholesome public force. Unfortunate results of its diminution are too palpably visible in general tone and style in which even most important cases are conducted to-day.

ALL-INDIA TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

The Eighth All-India Temperance Conference was held yesterday at the Overton Hall, when there was a large attendance from many parts of India, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Amritsar, Bombay, Madras, Cawnpore and Lucknow being represented.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Subba Rao Pantalu, Mr. Venkataratnam Naidu, Principal of the Pittapur Raja's College, Cocanada, was elected president.

The Hon. Babu Deva Prasad Sarbhadikari, chairman of the Reception Committee, said that the excise returns proved that drinking was on the increase. The situation demanded very different treatment to that which it was receiving at the hands of Government at present and they hoped for the day to come when India would demand that the liquor and drugs, which degraded and demoralised this great land, should no longer be manufactured within its borders.

A resolution requesting that Government should take means to check the growth of the drink habit, expressing the opinion that scientific temperance teaching should be introduced in all schools in India, satisfaction at the steps taken to prevent drinking amongst Khouds, Khassers and other aborigines, calling upon the leaders of the people [illegible] and determined stand on the subject [illegible] to take a [illegible] temperance were carried.

MRS. BESANT LECTURES ON TOLERANCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, Dec. 30.

Mrs. Besant delivered the third convention lecture on the "Ideals of Theosophy," in the Central Hindu College before a large audience. Intolerance, she remarked, caused more human misery than any other weakness of humanity, all religious persecutions and wars being the outcome of the same. If tolerance which meant difinite recognition that each individual spirit should choose its own way without dictation from another could be substituted for intolerence the cause of religion would have an easy path.

MOHURRUM IN BOMBAY.

'Night of Slaughter' Passes off Peacefully.

As expected the 'Katal-ki Rat', or the "Night of Slaughter" passed off peacefully in Bombay last night. In fact, the Mahomedan localities wore a much quieter aspect last night than on any other during the festival. There were no processions, or parading of 'tabuts' nor any 'tolis.' Only a very limited number of 'tabuts' was built, but they were not moved out of their booths. The Mahomedans of Madanpura amongst others have built a few 'tabuts.' Usually they take their 'tabuts' for immersion, not to the sea-side, but to a tank in Gilder Street. This time, however, they will not take them out to-day, but will sprinkle water over them in their houses where they have been built. The horse procession of the Imambara paraded in the compound instead of in the streets, amid the usual lamentations.

The large attendances at the 'mejlisses' were again the marked feature of the celebration also last night. Not only were they largely attended, but their number was also much greater. Reference has already been made in these columns to the fact of the increase in the number of these assemblies being keenly eppreaciated by the better class of Mahomedans, who prefer attending them to joining noisy demonstrations in the street. The assemblies ended about midnight, after which the streets began to be empty.

It is expected that to-day, the last day of the Mohurrum, will also pass off as peacefully as the 'Katal-ki-Rat, The Mahomedans will assemble about noon in the several mosques of the city, when prayers will be offered and the sad history of the deaths of Hasan and Hussein recited as usual. As there are to be no pocessions in the afternoon, the majority will remain inside the mosques and continue their prayers.

Thus after a number of disturbed years, the city has been able to see the festival quietly celebrated, a fact over which many Mahomedan citizens have given a sincere sigh of relief. The Bombay City Police, under Mr. S. M. Edwardes, the Commissioner, deserve to be heartily congratulated on the great succes they have achieved. So seldom had the festival passed off without a breach of the peace during the last few years that a peaceful celebration was almost looked upon as an impossibility. Mr Edwardes and his subordinates, therefore, deserve all the greater credit for the quiet celebration this year. The Police made no parade of their forces, but they were nevertheless quite prepared to meet any emergency. A company of British Infantry was quartered at the Central Police Office in case any necessity might arise for utilising their services, but this happily was not forthcoming. Practically the whole credit for the tranquillity of this Mohurrum should be ascribed to the Commissioner of Police. It is due to the firmness with which he has enfored even more severe restrictions than have previously been enforced and the fact which has enabled this firmness to pass without active resentment by the communities concerned. At the same time every preparation had been made in case of trouble and the thorough organisation of the police foxes was a feature of the occasion which demand a especial notice.

Saturday was the last day for the application to obtain licenses for tabuts and punjas. Only one license for the construction of a tabut was applied for by the Matunga Leper Asylum, as compared with 105 issued last year. Thirty-two applications had been received and granted by the Police Commissioner for punjas as compared with 611 issued last year. Of these 32, nine are in Dadar, and twenty-three in Mahim wards.

No licenses are required for the tabuts which are not to be accompanied by music.

TROUBLE IN RANGOON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, Dec. 31.

The Mohurrum festival until to-day (9th day) has been quietly carried out. Processions hitherto were amenable to police discipline, but while a police constable of Sule Pagoda Street was insisting on order he was badly injured by the leaders of the Taziah procession in the town and had to be removed to hospital. A posse of police arrested sixteen of the crowd who were inclined to make a disturbance. The utmost precautions are being taken to prevent further disturbances.

NUMBUDIRI CONFERENCE.

Meeting at Trivandrum.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.).

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 30.

Yesterday afternoon, the fourth session of the Conference of the Numbudiris, commenced under the auspices of a large number of influential orthodox Nambudiris. The *Muraiapam* ceremony occurring once in six years which is now celebrated here has attracted quite a large number of Nambudiris from Cochin and British Malabar, who have arrived here as the guests of the Maharaja. The occasion has, therefore, been taken to hold the fourth session of the Conference.

There was a large attendance at the Native High School, where the Conference met. Among those present were many Vydeekans, Vadhyans [illegible] and other recognized leaders of the community, and also Kerala Varma, C.S.I., Valia Koil Tampuran.

Sankara [illegible], a member of the Eddappally Chief's [illegible]se, presided. In his opening [illegible] he impressed on his hearers the desirability of continuing united, insistent action and also advancing the cause of education, the only safest and best agency for general improvement. He also advocated social reforms, the study of Sanskrit, and religious instruction and other measures calculated to advance both the material and moral welfare of the Nambudiris.

The secretary of the Conference then read his report. At the request of the President. Kerala Varma, Valia Koil Tampuran spoke about the aims and usefulness of the Conference, and of the advantages of corporate, active work. He urged them to study both Sanskrit and English.

The Conference then adjourned.

ROYAL VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

Magnificent Reception.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

Calcutta has been preparing for the Royal reception for the last six months, and the welcome which was accorded to Their Imperial Majesties to-day was in every way worthy of a City which owes its origin and prosperity to British enterprise. The streets were gay with multicolured decorations and triumphal arches and thronged with eager multitudes, many of whom had come from long distances to see their King and Queen. The Government buildings commercial houses, and private residences were decorated with flags and festoons. The Howrah Railway station was shaded with evergreens and ornamented with flowers and bunting. Everywhere the Royal Arms, the Royal Standard and pictures of Their Majesties were displayed. The decorations on the Maidan were specially striking. They have been designed by Mr. W. Brown, Principal of the Calcutta School of Arts, and represent accurately some of the finest features of the Graeco-Bactrian period of Indian art.

CROWDS LINE THE STREETS.

Calcutta, at half-past eleven, presented a most wonderful spectacle every road leading from the city on to the Maidan was a solid mass of moving humanity. The population is marching out in ordered communities to witness the King's arrival. Already the route is lined twenty deep from one end to the other, while at the city end has assembled a mass of humanity in holiday attire orderly, respectful and good natured, but so vast as to tax the abilities of the police to the very utmost and still the crowd pours on. How many people are gathered together it would be an idle attempt to reckon, but of one thing there can be no doubt and that is, that Calcutta has never seen such crowds before.

ROYAL TRAIN ARRIVES.

The Royal train slowly steamed into the station yard at 12-30 (Calcutta time.) The King-Emperor, who looked brown after his camp life in Nepal and the Queen-Empress rested and refreshed by her holiday in Rajputana, alighted under a Royal Salute and were received by the Governor-General and Lady Hardinge. The Railway, and Burdwan and Howrah officials were in attendance and were presented by His Excellency. His Majesty inspected the Guard-of-Honour furnished by the East Indian Railway Volunteer Rifles and the whole party then proceeded on board the steamer "Howrah," where Their Majesties were received by Sir Frederick Dumayne and the other Port Officials. The moorings were cast off and the vessel proceeded down the river, closely escorted by ferry steamers manned by the Calcutta Port Defence Volunteers who made a fine show on board. Huge crowds lined the banks and cheered loudly. All the sea going vessels in the port displayed their bravest colours, the blue jackets manned the yards of the war vessels in port and the "Highflyer" fired a Roal Salute. The scene at Prinsep's Ghat on the arrival was most picturesque. Immediately above the landing was a line of sailors who presented arms. Behind them were extended the wings of the enormous reception pandal which was filled to its utmost capacity by members of Calcutta society, including the Foreign Consuls, who all rose to their feet as the steamer arrived and the band played the National Anthem. In the middle stretched a field of red and blue baize, with two gilt thrones on a raised red dais at the far end, under the white fluted columns of Prinsep's Ghat. The frocks and variety of Indian costumes made a flower bed of colour round the enclosure, while, beyond, like a garden of serried poppies stood the troops to attention as the Royal party moved in.

PRESENTATION OF DIGNITARIES.

The formalities of inspection of the Guard-of Honour completed, Their Majesties took their seats upon the thrones and the presentation began, Sir William Duke reading out the names. First came the members of the Bengal Executive Council. The Maharaja of Cooch-Behar, the Maharajah of Maurbhanj, and the Ruling Chief of Orissa and Chota Nagpur then made their bows and retired. The Nawab of Murshidabad and other principal nobles of Bengal, then had the honour of being presented. Representatives of the Bengal and National Chambers of Commerce, the Port Trust, landholders of Bengal and Behar, the Trades Association, the Municipal Corporation and the University followed. Mr. Maddox, Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation, was presented and read an address of welcome.

KING-EMPEROR'S SPEECH.

The King-Emperor, replying to the address from the Calcutta Corporation, said :—

> I thank you warmly, on behalf of the Queen-Empress and myself, for the assurances of loyalty and devotion on the part of the Corporation and citizens of the City of Calcutta, to which your address gives expression. We are deeply touched by your kindly reference to my beloved father's stay in your city, and by your affectionate allusion to our own visit here six years ago. We can never forget the cordial welcome given us on that occasion, while the sympathetic interest in our Indian Empire which the first sight of this great city inspired has, in no way, abated. It is a source of great pleasure to us to re-visit Calcutta, and to see for ourselves the evidence of your progress and prosperity.
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> The changes in the administration of India, resulting from the announcement made by me at the great Durbar at Delhi, will affect to a certain extent Calcutta, but your city must always remain the premier city of India. Its population, its importance as a commercial centre and great emporium of trade, its splendid history, traditions, all combine to invest Calcutta with a unique charact[illegible] which preserve to it a pre-eminent position, At the same time the status of the Province of which Calcutta is the capital has been enhanced by the creation of a Presidency of Bengal, and I feel confident that under the wise administration of a Governor-in-Council, the new Presidency will enjoy increased prosperity, with the blessings of tranquility and order.
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> I know that you cherish ambitions that India will one day become a great manufacturing, as well as an agricultural, country. I have watched with keen interest the progress of your business enterprises, and I trust that the success which has attended your commercial energy will attract more and more of the youth of this country to regard commerce as a distinguished and honourable profession.
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> I thank you for your kind wishes and prayers. It shall ever [illegible] endeavour to promote the [illegible] Indian Empire, and we fer[illegible] th[illegible] years, as they pass, [illegible] strengthen the feeling of warm attachment that exists between my House and my Indian people.

PROGRESS THROUGH THE CITY.

The procession was formed headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and an officer followed by f[illegible]r squadrons of British Cavalry with a battery of the Royal Horse. Brigadier-General Fanshawe and staff, General Mahon and staff, the Royal Household staff, and the Calcutta Light Horse were next. The Royal carriage, containing Their Imperial Majesties was in the centre. Golden umbrellas and the golden chamar were held high aloft by attendants behind. Major Holden, Commandant of the Body-guard, and Mr. Halliday, Commissioner of Police, rode on the right of the carriage and Colonel Apostolides, Commanding the Calcutta Light Horse, on the left.

Carriages containing the Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Venetia Baring and other members of the Royal suite, the Body-guard and Indian Cavalry brought up the rear. The route lay along the Ellenborough Course on the Maidan, and the reception given to Their Imperial Majesties by the crowds occupying the stands and forming a solid wall behind the troops along its entire length was stupendous. When the Red Road was reached the entire Maidan was crowded with people, amongst whom the twenty thousand school-children made a pretty sight, perched aloft above the road and singing hymns in honor of Their Majesties. The carriages proceeded at a foot-pace and it was lunch time before Their Majesties arrived at Government House, where Sir O'Moore Creagh, Admiral Slade, Members of the Viceroy's Council, Sir Lawrence Jenkins and other Judges of the High Court and high Government of India officials were presented by Lord Hardinge. The Royal Standard was hoisted, a Royal Salute was given by the Guard-of-Honour, and Their Majesties entered Government House, which will be their home until the 8th of January. The Queen-Empress wore a dress of cream guipure with a hat of coloured flowers. Her decorations; were the Grand Cross of the Star of India, and she also wore ornaments of pearls and diamonds.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31.

Their Majesties the King and Queen accompanied by Lord and Lady Hardinge visited the Zoo last evening, and were shown round by Mr. B. Basu, Superintendent, and Mr. Ganguli, Assistant Superintendent. They expressed themselves highly interested in what they saw in the garden, especially in the lion cubs born there and the tigers and snakes.

At the time of his arrival His Majesty the King was in red Field Marshal's uniform wearing the Sash of the Grand Master of the Order of the Star of India.

Their Imperial Majesties attended Divine Service in St. Paul's Cathedral here to-day driving there and back in a state carriage with postilions. The road from Government House was kept by the police, but beyond this there was no formality. The King and Queen-Empress entered the Viceregal pew from a side door and took part in the service like any other members of the large congregation which filled the building. The Revd. R. Stuart, Senior Chaplain, and Revd. J. Godber, Junior Chaplain, conducted the service which was choral. The lessons were read by Archdeacon Wickens, assisted by the Revd. Canon Brown, the well known Oxford Missionary. The sermon was preached by Bishop Copleston from the two initial words of the Lord's Prayer "Our Father Which Art In Heaven", the Bishop dwelling upon the religious aspect of the rejoicings of the country over the presence of its King-Emperor and pointing out that a great people must be knit together by the recognition of the existence of the one Divine Father of all its members. The collection was in aid of the poor.

The Viceroy and all the principal members of the Imperial and Local Governments attended the Service.

THE QUEEN VISITS THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31.

Her Majesty the Queen-Empress visited the Botanical Gardens this afternoon accompanied by Lady Hardinge. Her Majesty had expressed the wish that no fuss should be made and she was only attended to and from Chandpal Ghat by a dozen men of the Body-Guard. The journey down the river was made in the Viceroy's yacht, "Empress Mary," and Her Majesty spent an hour and a half motoring round the gardens. She was shown the banyan tree, the orchid and fern houses etc. On the return journey the Royal yacht steamed very slowly and Her Majesty inspected the shipping. The Admiral's flagship manned the ship as Her Majesty passed.

The King-Emperor in the afternoon visited Tollyganj by motor.

HINDU PRAYERS.

CALCUTTA, D[illegible] 31.

Besides divine services in Cal[illegible] churches, the Hindu population of Calcutta on Sunday prayed for the long life [illegible] prosperity of Their Majesties by holding "Sankirtan" parties in the northern quarter of the town. This was organised by Pundit Rada Govind Goswami of Bagh Bazar. At 4 p. m. an image of Sr Gauranga was installed in Beadon Squar under a canopy where numerous "Sankirtan" parties met in the afternoon before the imag and sang and danced to the accompanimen of various musical instruments. At 5 p.m. huge crowd was collected in the garden an singing parties paraded the streets. After al the "Sankirtan" parties had left the Squar speeches were delivered on loyalty to th King and devotion to God.

Pundit Russik Mohan Chakravartty sai that the Sankirtan drove the plague fro Calcutta some ten years ago and it woul drive away unrest from India this time. S Gauranga preached peace and prosperity an people flocked under his banner in thousand Their Majesties had brought the same messag to India and the Hindus would now p homage to them, for gratitude was an inna quality of their ancestors. After dusk speci prayer was offered for the long life an prosperity of Their Majesties.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The detailed programme of the King's vi to Calcutta is published. In addition to t functions already announced His Majesty attend the races to-morrow afternoon, and w go to the Polo Tournament, both morning a afternoon on Monday, and again on Wednesd morning to see the finals.

On Wednesday afternoon, His Imper Majesty is to be at the races, when the Kin Cup will be run, and on Saturday, the 6th January, he will be at the Tollygunje Rac

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 31.

The "Pioneer" states that out of thirty-ni tigers killed during the Royal shooting trip Nepal twenty-one fell to the King Emper rifle. A big bag of rhinos could have been but this branch of sport was purposely [illegible] Four bears were also shot.

PRESS COMMENTS.

CALCUTTA, [illegible]

Calcutta is ready [illegible] royal [illegible] King and [illegible] sharp cold wave tempered by sunshine is passing over Bengal, which will greatly help the huge crowds of loyal subjects who have come from distant parts to see the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress. The morning press devote leading articles to the Royal visit.

The *Statesman* writes :—"Significant as the presence of the King-Emperor has been in other parts of India his advent to Calcutta has a special meaning and fitness which cannot fail to strike the imagination. In Bombay, His Majesty saw the city in which British trade with India had its early beginning. At Delhi, he announced the solemnity of his Coronation in that ancient capital of Hindu and Moghul dynasties. And now in Calcutta, he has come to the city in which were laid the foundations of British rule in India, the City of Clive and Warren Hastings and of a long line of illustrious builders of the Empire. It is the first occasion on which a King of England has visited the city that has added India and its peoples to the heritage of the British Crown."

The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* observes :—"As a matter of fact the spectacle of ardent loyalty which the people are expected to display on the occasion of the Royal visit will be unprecedented in the annals of British history in the country. The next few days the whole of Calcutta will remain deluged as it were, with an outburst of loyal feelings the like of which has perhaps never been witnessed in any country."

The *Indian Daily News* says :—"Behind the scenic display of glittering show there are deep and abiding sentiments of loyalty and affectionate devotion to the Throne and these after all are matters that count. There is absolutely no doubt about it. Their Imperial Majesties are coming amongst their deeply loving subjects of various races and creeds."

The *Englishman* writes :—"Whatever Calcutta may think of the transfer of the capital, Calcutta is proud and loyal enough and her citizens are gentlemen enough to extend to the greatest ruler in the world a heartfelt welcome of loyal subjects and of gentlemen. No thought but that of loyalty to the King-Emperor finds place in the hearts of Calcutta people to-day, and new capitals may come and go, but Calcutta will endure as proud mistress of Eastern seas and as long as she endures, so long shall last her reverence and loyalty for the British Crown."

THE ABOR EXPEDITION.

Progress in the Yamne Valley.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, DEC. 30.

THE General Officer Commanding the Abor Expedition telegraphs from Yambang on December 29 that the Kebung men have not yet come in, but it is hoped they will do so in a few days.

YAMBUNG CAMP, DEC. 30.

The work of peaceful penetration is going on successfully in the Yamne Valley. Colonel MacIntyre with his escort reached Jaru on the 29th and report that the inhabitants are friendly. The party is accompanied by Huth Narain Thapa, the refugee from Mr. Williamson's party, who was sheltered by this village. News has been received by heliograph from the mission proceeding northward that they have left Pouging on the right bank of the Dihong and have encamped near the river. Reconnoitring and surveying are going on, while numerous headmen on the left bank of the river have come in. Hostile parties near Buduk and Kelek on this bank have been encountered with the result that three Abors have been wounded. In view of the negotiations with the Kebang people, the operations against them have been temporarily suspended and their deposed headman Takot has left the camp with the intention of inducing the refractory headmen to come in. The case of the village of Pangi is still under consideration, but Komsing where the outrage on Mr. Williamson and his party took place is being dealt with. As is well known ties of hospitality among the Abors do not exist and apparently a panic seized these villagers when the Kebang clansmen appeared, for they made no effort to stop the massacre though it seems clear that they had no part in it. I have enlarged previously on the reputation for ferocity which the Kebang enjoyed. The Komsing people have had a suitable fine imposed upon them and are to erect a cairn in the spot where Mr. Williamson fell, while a force will visit the village to ensure that these terms are carried out. The 1st Company of Sappers and Miners have moved from this camp to Puak Camp for greater facility in road-making. Of late meteors have frequently been seen at night.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 29.

[illegible]WAY DEPARTMENT.

[illegible] officiates as Chief Engineer, [illegible]

Mr. A. Ro[illegible] State has been N.-W. Railway. [illegible]ilway from A survey by the [illegible] Jasdan, sanctioned for a metre gauge ra[illegible] Botad on the Bhavnagar Railway to [illegible] thirty-four miles.

Mr. W. F. Harnett, E. B. S. R., has been granted eleven months' leave.

A survey by the N. W. R. is sanctioned for a two feet six inches railway from Jacobabad to Kashmor, seventy-three miles.

Captain G. J. W. Smyth, from Madras, is posted to be Engineer-in-Chief, Lower Burma Railways reconnaisance surveys.

Mr. W. R. Horn, on return from leave, will become Junior Government Inspector of Railways No. 7, Circle, Madras.

A resurvey by the G. I. P. Railway is sanctioned for a two feet six inches railway from Talegaon to Khed.

A survey by the Bengal Nagpur Railway for a broad gauge branch from Bhadrak to Chandhalli thirty miles is also sanctioned.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

New rules are published for the discipline and regulations of Indian Reserve Forces.

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 30.

Lord Crewe paid a visit to the Calcutta University yesterday afternoon. He was received by the Vice-Chancellor and was shown over the Library, the Law College and the Darbhanga building. The Registrar of the University and the Principal of the Law College were also in attendance. Lord Crewe expressed himself well pleased with the progress made by the University.

DEPARTURE OF THE "DUFFERIN."

The R. I. M. S., "Dufferin," Commander W. B. Huddleston, sailed on Saturday, for Karachi, with [illegible] battery, R. H. A. 3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, and 69th Company, R. G. A. [illegible]

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Anniversary at Benares.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, DEC. 30.

The anniversary of the Theosophical Society was held this afternoon, at 4 p.m., in the Central Hindu College with Mrs. Besant in the chair.

Mr. Hawthorne, delegate from New Zealand, reported the steady progress of Theosophy in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. C. Jnarajadassa, Theosophical Missionary in America, in a short speech, described how America was assimilating Theosophical teachings. Propoganda work was carried on most vigorously in that country.

Babu Harendranath Datta, of Calcutta, delivered a short speech in Bengali.

Mrs. Sharpe, General Secretary of the English section, said that England stood second to none in her devotion to Theosophy and that the Society's work was making good progress in that country.

Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Telang and Gurtu. The Convention meeting also resolved to send a message of condolence to the family of late Mr. V. Krishnaswamy Iyer, whom Mrs. Besant described as one of noblest and ablest member of the Theosophical Society.

After a few closing remarks from the President, the meeting dissolved.

Educational Conference.

BENARES, DEC. 30.

The Third Educational Conference in conection with the Theosophical Convention was held to-day. Miss F. Arundale delivered a short address on the education of the depressed classes. The slum population in the great cities of the west, she said, was the despair of political reformers. The depressed classes, the untouchables among the Hindus, had to do the most degrading work. First they ought to be taught to keep their bodies clean, to cultivate love for beauty, and that should be followed by moral education, and stories from the Scriptures. When their surroundings were good, only then they would be fit to be faken into the body politic of Hindus.

Professor P. K. Telang dwelt at length on the method of teaching history and remarked that the teacher ought to look upon history, not only from the point of view of battles and Kings, but he ought to be able to trace the evolution of the nations of the world. He also observed that, looking upon history as a record of merely political events was to make too much of one part of human life and absolutely ignoring others equally important.

He was followed by the Baroness Asbeck who spoke on the educational movement in France where she said two sorts of education existed. The first was Roman Catholic dogmatic education and the second was materialistic education which tried to destroy religion. An attempt had been begun by the Theosophical Society in Francis to educate children along religious lines, and the number of students was rapidly rising, and she hoped that in the near future they will have to start a college for the education of children along religious and moral lines.

Rai Ibbalnarian Gurto spoke on the work of the Hindu University.

Mrs. Besant, in her concluding remarks, observed that most of the depressed classes were untouchables because of their unclean living, eating uncleam food and the use of intoxicants. The duty of Society towards them lay in teaching them to live cleanly. She recommended a change of sewage arrangements so that the scavenger class might be utterly abolished. If they themselves were not ready to do that most degrading of work they had no right to sacrifice thousand of their brethren. Referring to Denominational Universities she said that with the spreadof education the gulf between Hindus and Mahomedans would be bridged. She looked forward with the warmest hope to the future of the Hindu University. Obtaining that boon now depended only on the collection of funds. If funds were not collected the fault should be not with the Government but with the Hindus. In conclusion she exhorted Theosophists to work for the Hindu University with as much self-sacrifice and zeal as they had worked for the last thirteen years for the Central Hindu College.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The 119th Infantry—the Mooltan Regiment—which changes its quarters from Bangalore to Ahmednagar in the ordinary course of relief, is one of the most distinguished in the Indian Army. It has a histroy dating back to the year 1817, when it was formed as a unit of the old Bombay Army, in which it did right good service for many a long year. It was originally numbered the 19th Bombay Infantry, and unter that designation made a fine reputation for itself in the Indian wars of the last century. The first campaign of note in which it figured was the Afghan War of 1839-40. It formed part of the force which under the command of Sir John Keane captured the fort of Ghuznee, in July, 1839, and it served through the operations in Afghanistan and shared in the ups and downs of that memorable struggle. We [illegible] hear of the 19th Bombay Infantry, in the [illegible]h raged in the Punjab, during the [illegible] fought with great devotion and wars wh[illegible]ercely contended action of forties, when [illegible]re of Mooltan. In the gallantry at the [illegible] was again engaged Goojerat and the capt[illegible] reputation had last Afghan War, the 19th [illegible]nd several in that country and added to the [illegible]udest made for itself in the foregoing [illegible] minor campaigns, and one of the pr[illegible] boasts of the regiment is that it formed pa[illegible] of that gallant little force which "Bobs" marched from Kabul to Kandahar for the relief of that garrison, and the battle which fought under its wall. On the reorganisation of the Indian army some year ago, the 19th was renumbered and renamed the 19th Mooltan Regiment. This fine old corps is composed of two companies of Gujars, two companies of Mers, two companies of Rajputs, and two companies of Hindustani Mahomedans.

It is stated that the Radical Party intends to make a determined attack on Liverpool at the next General Election, and that among the probable Radical condidates will be the Master of Elibank and Colonel Seely, who lost his seat in the Abercromby Division at the General Election of January 1910, and had to seek a safe seat elsewhere. It is stated at the Radical Whips' office that the statement is premature, but it is admitted that plans have been under consideration for a very determined attack on the representation of Liverpool. The constituency with which the name of the Master of Elibank has been connected is East Toxteth, where Mr. Marshall Hall's majority was 966 at the last Election. If Colonel Seely took part in the campaign he would presumably return to his old constituency the Abercromby Division.

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SIR GEORGE BIRDWOOD AND THE CORONATION DURBAR.

Sir G. Birdwood writes to us :—I am so filled with enthusiasm by the stately splendour of the reception of Their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary at Bombay, and the proclamation of Delhi as the capital of India, that I am little equal to making any reasoned statement, for the present, of my views and opinions on the general question of the policy, and the conduct of the now consummated "Coronation" at Delhi of the new King and Queen as Emperor and Empress of India. I devoutly, superstitiously if you choose to so put it, object to any thing like national boastings, even over a victory of Trafalgar, or of Waterloo. It becomes stale, just as much as individuals, "to do justice, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with God;" and the absence of any religious feature in the great Imperial function at Delhi, on the 12th instant, reduces it from a most solemn and impressive national and Imperial sagrament to a mere stage show, however gorgeous; and indeed, a rather self-conscious effort of political swagger, the most offensive form of all self-exaltation. At Bombay, immediately on landing, Their Royal and Imperial Majesties ought to have been taken to the Cathedral; and then made their procession through "the Native Town," and so far from giving offence, as was said when all the arrangements for the present "Progress" were being made here, the observance of this obvious duty would have infinitely magnified us, as a God-fearing and God-serving nation in the estimation of all the peoples of India of whatever race and language, and religion. The regularly, and largely, attended Sunday services at the Cathedral, and other Christian Churches, during the Mutiny, I was always satisfied, greatly contributed to keep Bombay quiet during that period. There is nothing the hieropsychical peoples of India all more spontaneously sympathise with than the religious sentiments, and observances and conduct and character of peoples of other creeds; and I could multiply illustrations in proof of this, and it is a fact of immense moment with reference to our administration, as paramount rulers, of India. Again, I think it unfortunate that the Delhi Durbar should have been held at a time when so much anxiety was prevailing on account of the threatened drought and resulting increased mortality, but this is an anxiety very much of our own making. I prepared, for the "Government Gazette," the weekly rain returns for about 5 years, for the whole Presidency of Bombay; and I always protested in private against the publication of them, and of the death returns; and on the ground that before we took to the publication of them, droughts and unusual mortality were attributed to the will of the gods; but immediately afterward the people began to lay the blame on "the British Raj," and with ever increasing discredit to us! My last adverse criticism is this :—If it be true, as so many of "the Special Correspondents" have reported, that the Indian Princes were received at the Coronation ceremony in batches of 12 and 13, it was an unpardonable blunder on the part of the Indian Political Department; while if they had to render "homage" after the immemorial European form, it was, and in the case of Hindus, just as much as of Moslems, a blunder that will rankle in their hearts, and never be pardoned for two or three generations to come.

Now on the other side of the question, the wholly satisfactory incident of the Royal and Imperial progress, was the landing and reception of Their Majesties at the Apollo Bunder, Bombay, the stately emphasis of which must be credited, in especial to Mr. Wittet, the designer and builder of "the Stadium"; which in its unusual combination of sound engineering with scholarly architecture, is a perfected artistic achievement; and I would earnestly hope that it may be perpetuated in "Porebunder stone," and, for the Canopy, under which King George V, and Queen Mary sat for a brief while, in white marble; for it would for ever be held well worthy of Bombay, if not as the future capital of British India, at least the Gate of Royal and Imperial entries with India, and to Delhi, what Ostia was to Rome. It is, indeed, extraordinary, as I pointed out, over thirty years ago, in my handbook to the British Indian section of the Paris Exhibition of 1878, how the Mediterranean is repeated on a larger scale in the Indian Ocean. Arabia is Spain. Persia France, India Italy, Burma Turkey; and, again, in India, the Indus is the Rhone, and Kurrachee Genoa, and the Ganges the Po; and Delhi Milan, and Calcutta Venice, and Poona and Bombay, Rome, and Ostia. Of course Delhi has now been made Rome of India; and it may well remain so, nominally. But inasmuch as India runs down southward through the Indian Ocean, just as Italy does through the Mediterranean, it is inevitable that in the process of the centuries, the East and West commerce of the Indian Ocean will be centered at Bombay [with Poona] just as that of the Mediterranean was at Ostia and Rome,—with another Ostia at Brandisi, represented in India by Madras. Therefore alike politically—with its Mahratta population,—and commercially, Bombay [with Poona] will before this century is out be to all good intents and practical purposes the real capital of India.

But the climax of this ever memorable week was the proclamation of Delhi, as the future capital of India. It came upon me so suddenly, and I was so perfectly unprepared for it, that when just now I read of it on the bills of the afternoon papers about the Charing Cross station, I was, as a life long student of the history of India, so filled with enthusiasm by it, that I was obliged to go back into the station and sit there quietly for nearly half an hour before coming on to the Royal Society of Arts. I am incapable of judging of the event from any administrative point of view; but, I vividly recognise how every heart in India, that is of every proud Muslim, and of every devout Hindu, steeped in the spirit of his own literature and religion, will be filled by to-morrow with the same overflowing historical and religious joy as is my own. The Proclamation is, indeed, a master stroke of imagination in statesmanship, and reflects unsullied glory on all who contributed to its inspiration,—or its realisation. These are my "sentiments" on this great, and profoundling moving event, and all I have any claim to say about it all.

P. S. 13th December, an unlucky date, and everybody is remarking on the strange coincidence of the wreck announced, this morning, of the P. and O. steamship the "Delhi" with the Princess Royal and H. R. H. family on board. I was, only a few moments before the papers were delivered, reading Canon Teignmouth Shore's volume of Reminiscences, in which he states that calling on the Princess Alice one day in Germany, he found H.R. Highness much oppressed by the account she had just read of the foundering, in a collision, of the Thames steamboat, [illegible] "Princess Alice," with all her passengers aboard. [illegible]al Highness was possessed by the feeling Her Ro[illegible]strophe was significant for herself, and that the ca[illegible]ks of that day she was dead of within three wee[illegible] the poison of the disease had diphtheria. Of course [illegible]lation. In the case of the already affected her circu[illegible] has been some loss of wreck of the "Delhi," as there [illegible] Delhi Durbar life, any ill omen of it as regards the [illegible]omenology is absolutely corrected in Hindu [illegible] present by this fact, as [illegible] may well be taken to re[illegible] the Ups sacrifice th[illegible] was an essential rite of every ancient Hindu Coronation.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA.

Applications for shares in the new Central Bank of India will be received at the offices of the Bank in Gresham Buildings, Esplanade. Rd each day between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m (S.T.). The directors are now issuing 40,000 shares of Rs.50 each Rs. 5 per share to be paid on application Rs.10 on allotment and Rs. 18 one month after allotment. the balance to be called up by calls not exceeding Rs. 10 as the directors see fit. The directors are as follows:—Mr. Muncherhaw Framji Khan (Dinshaw Bhikhaji Khan and Co., Bombay and Colombo). Mr. Kalianji Varadhman Jetsy (Varadhman Jetsy and Co., Cotton Merchants.) Mr. Ardeshir Bomonji Dubash (Cursetji Muncherji and Sons). [illegible]tha- Manekji Jethabhai Varadhman (Manekji[illegible]akhmibhai and Co). Mr. Radhakishen [illegible]and, Marchand (Munim of Sadasukh Gambhir, B. A. (Marwadi Shroffs). Mr. Motilal [illegible]erchants). Mr Haji Kanji, and Co., Piece Good[illegible]ant and Shroff). Mr. Dawood Haji Elias Jamsetji Hormusji and Co. Jamsetji H. Chothi[illegible]ants) and Mr. Mulji Haridas (of Piece Goods Mer[illegible]Merchants). Khimji Jiva Iron

SIND AND THE PUNJAB.

Protest against Proposed Transfer.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DEC. 31.

The *Sind Gazette* of Karachi of yesterday's date in a leading article indicates inner knowledge of the further contemplated territorial changes and publishes a warning and protests against the rumoured transfer of Sind from the Bombay Presidency to the Punjab in persuance of what the paper terms "the frankly cynical idea of the moment." The Punjab, which only a few years ago suffered a heavy blow by the dismemberment of the N. W. Frontier Provinces and is again badly hit in being shorn of the Delhi enclave, must somehow be provided with territorial compensations. The paper suggests the holding of public meetings in Karachi and elsewhere as the best means of assuring to focus attention, co-ordinate opinion and inspire purposeful handling of the situation, and asks to take care that the future of Sind is not to be settled outside Sind without reference to Sind's sentiments, aspirations and needs. It also states that the question is not merely of choice between Bombay rule and the Punjab rule, but rather a choice between subordination to any outside provincial authority with alien ideas, traditions and purpose on the one hand and full autonomy on the other. The article proceeds to add that the Bombay connection bears the appearance of an open road through which Sind as it grows stronger can reach towards the goal of its ambitions. A self-contained and self-administered province, the Punjab connection would be "cul de sac" closing the way against the progress of autonomous ideas. It concludes by insisting on Sind the right to the opportunities for discussion before the step is taken in the redistribution of provincial areas which will affect no interest so profoundly and permanently as those of Sind.

ESPIONAGE TRIAL AT LEIPZIG.

An Anglophobe Allegations.

Berlin, Dec. 8.

THE trial at Leipzig of Max Schultz, of Southampton, and four German subjects of a charge of espionage in the interests of England is producing fresh examples of what would in any other country be regarded as either gross contempt of Court or actionable publication of false news. The case is being heard "in camera"—which means in effect, that the only persons present, in addition to witnesses, are the prisoners, the Court of Judges, the counsel for the prosecution and the defence, and the representatives and expert advisers of the Government Departments concerned. Nevertheless, a large number of German journals publish this evening, without fear of punishment, a "telegram" from Leipzig purporting to describe the main results of the first day's hearing. The purport of the message is that the trial has disclosed an elaborate scheme devised by the Intelligence Department of the British Admiralty to collect secret information in Germany.

The sole purpose of the publication at this moment must be to promote Anglophobi and stimulate bad feeling. In view especially of the pains to which the German authorities went a year ago to secure a thoroughly dignified as well as thoroughly fair trial for Lieutenant Brandon and Captain Trench, it is impossible to suppose that they approve of the proceeding of the German Press now that an espionage trial is being conducted "in camera" and not, as was than the case, in public. It seems desirable to call attention to this evening's scandalous publication before the judgment of the Court shows whether there is or is not any truth in the facts alleged.

Notwithstanding the secrecy of the proceedings, practically the whole of the German Press, continues to publish identical and highly objectionable "reports." The writer of these "telegrams" is not content with assuming the guilt of the accused and criticizing the alleged behaviour of the witnesses. He alleges that the evidence is disclosing only a part of the truth about the "network of spies" with which English gold is covering Germany. Agents of higher rank, and it appears that "people in good positions and belonging to the best circles in England" are led by their sporting instinct" to take a part in the work. This last description is said to apply to Mr. Stewart—who is awaiting his trial. On the other hand, "the supposed German spy who was convicted recently at Southampton had no relations with German official circles," and was probably working.

Neither the Government nor the Supreme Court of the Empire appears to be taking any objection to these contemptuous publications, although the public is still excluded from the Court at Leipzig.

Berlin, December 13.

The Supreme Court of the Empire delivered sentence this afternoon upon the five persons accused of espionage in the interests of England. All five were sentenced to penal servitude—the engineer Hipsich for twelve years, Max Schultz for seven years, von Maack and Frau Eckermann for three years, and Wulff for two, years. Schultz and Hipsich were found guilty of obtaining and communicating secret information, von Maack and Eckermann of aiding and abetting them, and Wulff of attempted espionage. The sentences involve disability for various periods of years to enjoy civil rights in Germany, and the prisoners will be subject to police supervision after their sentences have expired. While the Court appears to have based its decisions vere largely upon the incriminating statements of Schultz, the connexion between the prisoners and any official quarters in England seems to be established only by insinuation.

INDIAN STUDENT LIFE.

THE Rev. W. E. S. Holland, of the Oxford and Cambridge Hostel at Allahabad, delivered at 33 Cavendish Square, the residence of Mrs. Symes Thompson, on Dec. 13, a lecture on "The Ethical and Religious Aspect of Indian Student Life." The Hon. Cyril Bardsley, hon. secretary of the Church Missionary Society, occupied the chair. Mr. Holland, who has only come home for a temporary stay, has been hard at work for twelve years at the Allahabad Hostel, and in July next he is to return to India in order to start a similar hostel in Calcutta. The object of these hostels is to offer to native Indian students that religious teaching which is denied them at the Government Universities. In the course of his address the lecturer dwelt on the mischief caused by secular education, particularly in India. On the subject of the far-reaching measures affecting our British Empire which were announced in the newspapers of that morning he rejoiced at the undoing of the partition of Bengal, for which he had long fervently prayed. The change was all the more gratifying because it could not be attributed to fear, for it was accompanied by a st[illegible] act, the restoration of the ancient city strong[illegible] to its old status of the capital of Delhi. [illegible]gard to the system of education in India. With[illegible] British rule, he was strongly vogue in India und[illegible] of opinion that it was [illegible]t the bottom of all the unrest of which so much had been heard of late. We had given to the educated classes among the most re[illegible] people in the world an education divorced ligio[illegible]ls and religion. We had introduced them from mo[illegible]ences, which made it impossible, at all to modern sci[illegible]ore intelligent of them, to believe events for the [illegible] the Indian religion, and we had any longer [illegible] nothing in its place. The disastrous offered th[illegible]ces of this were now admitted by every- conse[illegible] body who was acquainted with India.

IF YOUR FRIENDS TOLD YOU

The ALBION MILK and SULPHUR SOAP is "pleasant to use and whitens and softens the skin," and "I prefer it to any other," would you miss trying a tablet? These testimonials from ladies of title (with names) are on the wrapper, and thousands (home and abroad) buy the soap. If it suits so many, may it not be worth your attention? It is a Toilet Luxury, delightful in use, delicately perfumed, refreshing and beneficial. British manufacture. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, etc., and at 76, New Oxford-street London. Established over 35 years.

SPORTING NEWS

YACHT CLUB RACES.

("BOBSTAY.")

Last Saturday was reserved for a Regatta for the Escort Squadron, so that the regular handicap races were postponed, and our local yachtsmen had the opportunity of seeing sport on their favourite element carried on with a keenness and zest which is not nearly common enough in this part of the world.

The programme started with a two mile rowing race for twelve-oared cutters with seamen crews in which the Natal's Cutter got rather left at the start as she passed the line a full minute after the other five boats; her crew, however, made a very plucky effort to overcome their handicap and actually managed to arrive before the Medina's Cutter at the finishing point.

The winning crew in the Argyll's Cutter rowed a beautiful race and well deserved the victory which they gained with 23 seconds to spare from the second boat, the Defence's Cutter.

The Gigs Race with Daymen crews was the next to start, and here again the Argyll supplied the winning crew; followed, however, very closely by the Natal's crew who were only 10 seconds behind at the finish; the mile being done in just over 10 minutes.

In the next race, that for Cutters with stoker crews, most of the boats finished on the wrong side of the Committee Boat, in spite of instructions to the contrary given to their Cox's before starting; luckily however the first boat finished correctly and saved disputes on that score, and the second prize was awarded to the first of the other boats, all of which went wrong. The Argyll's Cutter took first prize, and the second prize was awarded to the Defence's Cutter.

The first race to break the uniformity of the Argyll's triumphs was event No. IV. the race for gigs with seamen crews, which proved an excellent and closely contested event, only 52 seconds separating the first and the last. The Medina's gig took first place, followed by the Natal fifteen seconds later; the Argyll's gig being third, two seconds later.

The next event was a Sailing Race for Launches and Pinnaces which provided a needed variety in the programme, and incidentally a considerable amount of fun for the competitors who evidently did not mind a few bumps. The race resulted in a win for the Natal's Pinnace, the Argyll's Pinnace taking second place; there was no necessity of considering handicaps as the pinnaces beat the launches on actual times.

While the Ship's Boat Race was in progress, another pulling race in Cutters for Marine crews was despatched and the Argyll's Jollies showed what they could do in the way of oarsmanship by winning a closely contested race; the Medina's crew coming second.

The next race was a short one and consequently the competitors were in full view of the spectators all the time. Much amusement was afforded by what appeared to be the settlement of a private feud between the Argyll and the Medina's crews after rounding the mark boat, the former spoiling an excellent chance of winning by shouldering the Medinas off the course, however an explanation may lie in the breaking of a rudder line. The race was won by the Defence's Skiff, the Natal's being second.

The next race that for gigs with Petty Officers' crews was got off after considerable trouble as the crews would insist on lining right across the Committee Vessel's bows thus interfering with the finishing line; and again in this race the majority of the boats finished on the wrong side of the Committee Vessel, in spite of the good example set them by the leading boat. The first prize was won by the Natal, second going to the Argyll.

An amusing interlude was provided by the Mess kit race, in which the boats had to be propelled by some instrument used for cooking, eating or drinking, plates pure and simple appeared to be the favourite weapons, but there was an occasional frying pan and something that looked like a toasting fork on a large scale, while on one boat a gigantic soup ladle did yeoman service. In addition to these each boat was required to carry and keep going a musical instrument to every ten men, the winning boat carrying a fiddle which the crew did their best to drown with a song of victory which they kept up all round the course. The race was won by the Argyll.

The "All Comers" race fell to the Argyll's Galley, the Medina's gig being second.

In the one mile Dinghey race only two out of the six entries finished, the first prize going to the representative of the Argyll, the second to the Defence.

The start in the Ladies' Race of Launches and Pinnaces was spoiled for the Defence's pinnace by the starting gun being 20 seconds late as the Defence was just over the line, when the gun went and had to come back losing all the advantage of having taken the time carefully; the reverse happened in the next race when the gun went off 30 seconds too soon leaving Eileen far away from the line, as this last was checked on no less than three stop watches there can be no doubt that there was some slackness on the part of the man at the chronometer and we hope that he will be made to realize that his is a responsible post and not to be treated carelessly.

The ever victorious Natal's Pinnace won the Ladies Race, the Argyll's pinnace being second.

In the A Class Race for yachts steered by officers from the Squadron, Eileen, in spite of a very bad start, managed to get the [illegible]ns failed [illegible]st place on handicap, Turq[illegible] after a sh[illegible] shuka second, Melody b[illegible]ot crossing the proper line. The[illegible]

Thus ended an enjoyable day an[illegible] keenly contested programme.

CALCUTTA RACES.

Third Day's Events.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 30.

In spite of the many counter attractions of the day, owing to the Royal Visit the racecourse and the enclosures at Calcutta were well attended. The chief event of the day was the Cooch-Behar Cup for which a good field competed and the win for Sir A. Apcar's stable was not beyond expectations though there were other better favourites. Among a distinguished company familiar winter visitors were greatly in evidence. Both Mr. Gaulstaun and Sir A Apcar scored wins. Sir Alec's success was the more important. This was the win in the Cooch Behar Cup with Five Crown, ridden by L. Hoyt. Fives were returned to those who backed this winner.

Details of the racing were as follows :—

CHRISTMAS SELLING HANDICAP.—5 furlongs.

Mr. Galstaun's Bonny Boy 8st. 11lbs. ...Wootton 1
Mr. Lauder's Pressy 7st. 12lbs. ....Murdison 2
Mr. FitzJames Skipper 6st. 7lbs. ......Clements 3

ALSO RAN :—Cherry Hackle 9st. 3lbs; Hackler's Bloom 8st. 9lbs; Comet 7st. 12lbs; Fadgie 7st. 5lbs; Elpis 7st. 3lbs.

BETTING :—2 to 1 on Bonny Boy; 4 to 1 against Pressy and Hackler's Bloom, ten's the rest.

THE RACE :—The field started level. For a few strides, Hackler's Bloom showed out prominently, then Bonny Boy displaced her and never being headed won by a length and a half, a length and a quarter between second and third, 1 1-4.

TIME :—1 min. 1 1-4 sec.

THE LAWN PLATE—6 furlongs.

Mr. Dass's Foudrette 9st. 2lbs............McNeilage 1
Mr. Goculdas' Forfeit 9st. 5lbs...............A Hoyt 2
H. H. Kour Saheb's Chestnut Park, 8st. 11lbs. Brown 3

ALSO RAN :—Cherry Hackle 9st. 5lbs.; Lady Spring 9st. 3lbs.; Watch Tower 9st. 2lbs.; Beckmesser 9st.; Eustace 8st. 4lbs.; Lady Douglas 8st.; Bird of Freedom 6st. 12lbs.

BETTING :—Four's Cherry Hackle, Chestnut Park and Watch Tower; Six's Forfeit, Foudrette and Beckmesser; longer prices the rest.

THE RACE :—Foudrette led out at a great pace and, never headed, won by a length, a neck between second and third.

TIME—1 min. 15 secs.

SANDOWN PARK PLATE.—5 furlongs.

Mr. Gurda's Chobham 8st. 9lbs.............Whalley 1
H.H. Kour Saheb's Malmasey 8st. 2lbs......Brown 2
Mr. Kelson's Paul Pry 8st. 9lbs.........Templeman 3

ALSO RAN :—Neith 9st. 2lbs; Hoppner 8st 11lbs.; Sperry 8st. 4lbs; Harene 7st. 12lbs; Hackler's Girl 7st. 11lbs.; Barm 7st. 7lbs; Make Haste 6st. 7lbs.

BETTING :—Evens Hoppner, four's Chobham six's Harene, Hackler's Girl, and Malmsey; ten's and more the rest.

THE RACE :—Paul Pry was the first to break the line; he was accompanied by Hoppner. The two were racing abreast when Malmsey challenged them. In the last few strides Chobham came with lightning speed and one by a head, half a length between second and third.

TIME :—1 min. 1 1-5 secs.

COOCH BEHAR CUP.—Mile and a quarter.

Sir A. A. Apcar's Five Crown 7st. 10lbs. L. Hoyt 1
Mr. Das's John Wesley 7st. 8lbs..............Bland 2
Messrs. Heather and Jones' Santoninette 7st. 6lbs. O'Neil 3

ALSO RAN :—Aborigine 9st. 5lbs., Lumination 9st. 5lbs., Master Delaval 9st. 1lb. Hilarity 9st. 1lb. Victor 8st. 1lbs., Jemino 7st. 12lbs., Sanhedrin 7st. 8lbs., Kilmarnock 7st. 5lbs. Decidedly 6st 12lbs.

BETTING :—2 to 1 Lumination, 3 to 1 Aborigine, 5 to 1 Five Crown, 7 to 1 Hilarity, 12 to 1 the rest.

THE RACE :—Santoninette and Kilimarnock led together, Five Crown remaining handy all through and Lumination was far off. She made up the ground at a great pace, but could only secure fourth place, Five Crown winning by a neck, one length between second and third.

TIME :—2 min. 8 secs.

GUNNY MEAH CUP.—Race course.

Mr. Dass's Sidonia 7st. 3lbs......................Jelias 1
Mr. Gokuldas' Cheeky 9st. 10lbs.........Hoyt } Dead
Mr. Scott's Sealad 9st. 12lbs..........Barrett } Heat.

ALSO RAN :—Ruling Passion 9st., Encourage 8st. 12lbs., Runaway Girl 8st. 2lbs., Moira 7st. 10lbs., Ormby 6st. 10lbs., Edwards 6st. 10lbs.

BETTING :—Evens Cheeky; 2 to 1 Ruling Passion; 6 to 1 Sealad and Encourage; longer prices the rest.

THE RACE :—Ormby and Moira led till the five furlong post where the field drew close. In the straight Sadonia came away and won easily by 2 1-2 lengths, a dead heat for second place.

TIME—3 mins.

POLO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 30.

In the Polo Tournament yesterday the Scouts beat the 8th Hussars by eleven goals to six. The Hussars who were six goals to the bad before they began to score were pressing the Scouts at the end of the play.

Captain Barret did valuable service for the Scouts.

BOMBAY CRICKET TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

The Cricket match between the Maharajah of Nattore's team and the Bombay Gymkhana was resumed here yesterday when the Maharajah's team won by an innings and 54 runs. The Nattores who on the previous evening had scored 229 for 6 wickets carried their total to 344, Ali being not out, 70.

The Bombay Gymkhana in their second innings made 181 runs, Watts contributing 39, Nialls 34, Halliley 22, Stileman 17, Covati 14, Marsdan 16.

For the Natores Ali carried out his bat for 70, Salmuddin made 65, H. R. Mehta 61, R. S. Seshachari 43.

ALL INDIA GOLFS TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 31.

The finals in the All India Golf Tournament were played off at Tollygunj to-day in splendid weather when Mr. Gatheral beat Mr. Whigham by two holes in a round of eighteen holes. Mr. Gatheral thus wins the Cup.

THE FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect.
Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	......	Via Bhamo Interrupted.	Via Lisbon St. Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 31st December, 1911.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates.			Time Occupied in Transmission	
	D.	H.	M.	Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey......	30	7	50 p.m.	15	30
Teheran ...	31	10	55 a.m.	3	24
Suez.........	31	1	40 p.m.	0	50

NOTICES.

Telegrams for Morocco are subject to very great delay and can only be accepted at sender's risk. (18-8-11.)

Telegrams for all places in interior of China, excepting stations on the coast, booked by routes other than Bhamo, can be accepted at sender's risk. (25-10-11.)

Bhamo route to China is entirely closed to traffic at present (1-11-11).

Until further notice telegrams (code) for Turkey cannot be admitted (13-10-11).

Italian administration notify that telegrams for Tripoli are admitted only in plain language and at sender's risk. As an exceptional measure short telegrams in cipher or code language are also admitted if forwarded via Italy and those concerned deposit two copies of their code one at the telegraph office at Rome and the other at the Tripoli Telegraph Office (20-10-11).

It is further notified that the maximum number of words which can be sent in code or cipher telegrams is fixed at twenty-five (24-10-11).

Ramhormuz line interrupted to Ahwaz since 7 a.m. (31-10-11).

Bushire reports messages for Ahwaz and Mohammerah should not be marked "by post over interrupted section." There is no postal service over interrupted section and line is not likely to be restored till next April or May. Therefore all messages for those stations should only be accepted post Bushire. Mail for Mohammerah and Ahwaz leaves Bushire every Wednesday morning and post messages for those places should reach there not later than 6 p.m. Standard Time on Tuesday (14-12-11).

Teheran reports Meshed line interrupted since 27th (28-11-11).

Telegrams for following offices in first region of Egypt can only be accepted in plain language and at senders risk. They should be written in plain language English or Arabic only. (1) Ras et Dabaa. (2) Marsa Matrouh. (3) Sidi Barrani. (4) Siwa. (21-12-11).

Turkish Route restored, (31-12-11).

ADVICE TO MOTHERS :—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other cases. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

RAILWAY RETURNS

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic earnings for week ending 23rd December.

	Miles Open.	Total for the period.	Earnings for previous week	Total to date.
Approximate eargs. for week ending 23rd Dec. 1911 ...... G.I.P. Ry. Including I.M. Ry. System...	2791·34	2096800	29807415	31904015
A.-D.-C. Ry......	125·66	124600	990921	1115521
BaranKotah Ry.	40·29	5200	85718	90918
Total...	2957·29	2226400	30884054	33120454
Earnings for correspg. 7 days ending 23rd Dec. 1910 G.I.P. Ry. Including I. M. R. System ...	a2791·28	1745080	26637781	[illegible]
A.-D.-C. Ry. ...	125·66	40993	787262	[illegible]
B.-K. Ry..........	40·29	1958	48827	50780
Total	2957·33	1788036	27473810	29261846
Inc. or Dec. G.I.P.R. Incg. I.M. R. System	+ 0·04	a +351511	+ 3169634	+ 3521195
A.D.C.R.	......	+a83607	+203659	+287270
Baran-Kotah R.	......	+ 3247	+ 36891	+ 40138

NOTE.—Corrected with Audited figures upto 31st Oc[illegible] aDue to the Delhi Darbar.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week en[illegible] 16th December on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week.........	Rs. 2,40,000	Rs. 3,00,000	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 5,44,000
Or per mile of Railway.........	476	595	8	1,079
For previous 23 weeks of half year	39,68,503	53,16,960	86,417	93,71,880
Total for 24 weeks	42,08,503	56,16,960	90,417	99,15,880
COMPARISON. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,76,066	3,69,035	6,840	5,51,931
Per mile of Ry...	349	732	13	1,094
Total to corresponding date...	37,32,539	56,88,785	1,10,155	95,31,479

Decrease for the week.........Rs. 7,931
Increase to date ....Rs. 3,84,401

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 16th December on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week......	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 28,000	Rs.	[illegible]
Or per mile of Railway	71	224	......	[illegible]
For previous 23 weeks of half year	2,10,694	7,48,794	2,947	[illegible]
Total for 24 weeks	2,20,694	7,81,794	2,947	[illegible]
COMPARISON. Total for corresponding week of previous year	6,840	68,754	......	[illegible]
Per mile of Ry..	49	487	......	536
Total to corresponding date.	1,79,887	7,05,888	4,376	8,90,151

Decrease for the week ....Rs. 32,594
Increase to date ....Rs. 1,15,284

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 16th December on 1,771·83 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week.........	Rs. 2,46,000	Rs. 3,20,000	Rs. 7,000	Rs. 5,73,000
Or per mile of Railway.........	139	181	4	324
For previous 23 weeks of half year	47,15,833	59,22,930	1,86,866	[illegible]
Total for 24 week	49,61,833	62,42,930	1,93,866	[illegible]
COMPARISON. Total for corresponding week for previous year	1,65,207	4,53,001	9,170	6,27,378
Per mile of Ry..	93	256	5	354
Total to corresponding date...	40,07,089	60,68,353	1,54,230	11129672

Decrease for the week ....Rs. 54,378
Increase to date ....Rs. 2,68,457

NAGDA-MUTTRA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 16th Dec. on 339·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week........	Rs. 18,000	Rs. 20,000	Rs.	Rs. 38,000
Or per mile of Railway.........	53	59	......	112
For previous 23 weeks of half year	3,57,455	6,99,357	4,776	10,61,588
Total for 24 weeks	3,75,455	7,19,357	4,776	10,99,588
COMPARISON. Total for corresponding week of previous year	10,671	68,904	......	79,575
Per mile of Ry..	32	203	......	235
Total to corresponding date...	3,81,913	4,62,351	5,437	8,49,701

Decrease for the week ....Rs. 41,575
Increase to date ....Rs. 2,49,887

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 16th December on 17·28 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week	Rs. 400	Rs. 200	Rs.	Rs. 600
Or, per mile of Railway	23	12	......	35
For previous 23 weeks of half year	12,283	6,352	38	18,673
Total for 24 week	12,683	6,552	38	19,273
COMPARISON. Total for corresponding week of previous year	511	483	......	994
Per mile of Ry..	30	28	......	58
Total to corresponding date.,	13,650	10,492	100	24,242

Decrease for the week ....Rs. 394
Do. to date ....Rs. 4,970

THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

Admiralty, 13th December.

In accordance with the provisions of Order-in-Council of 1st April, 1881.

Fleet-Surgeon Hubert William Austin Burke has this day been placed on the Retired List at his own request.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant John Cant to be Lieutenant. Dated 13th December.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Acting Assistant Paymaster Thomas Martin has been confirmed in the rank of Assistant Paymaster. Dated 20th March, 1909.

Admiralty, 14th December.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th December, 1903:—Rear Admiral Herbert Whitmore Savory, M V O, has been placed on the Retired List at his own request. Dated 1st December.

Consequent thereon the following promotion has been made from the same date:—Captain John Michael de Robeck to be Rear-Admiral.

The following Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—Douglas Adams Budgen. Dated 15th March. Edward Osmond. Dated 30th August.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of the 11th June, 1910:—Divisional Chief Officer of Coast Guard Alfred Nevitt has this day been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant, on being pensioned.

The notice which appeared in the London Gazette of the 4th July, 1911, relative to the retirement of Captain Herbert Chatterton is hereby cancelled.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of 19th March, 1908:—Engineer-Lieutenant Edward George Cawley has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 7th December.

Royal Marine Forces.

The undermentioned retired officer is removed from the Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, on account of age:—

Major Harry Reginald Lookyer Pym, Royal Marine Artillery. Dated 14th December.

Admiralty, December 15.

The undermentioned Midshipmen have this day been promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—Lionel Moore Bridge, Henry George Stobart Laing, Gerald Morell McKenea, Donal Scot McGrath, Paul Leathley Eddis, and Evelyn Dunbar-Dunbar-Rivers.

War Office December 15.

Regular Forces.

Commands and Staff.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) Henry S. Dawkins, from the Inspector of Artillery, to command the Artillery of a Division in India, and to retain his temporary rank while so employed. Dated 6th October.

Colonel Walter N Congreve, V C, C B, M V O, from Commandant, School of Musketry, Hythe, to be a temporary Brigadier-General to command a Brigade, vice Major-General G F Gorringe, C M G, D S O, who has vacated that appointment on promotion. Dated 6th December.

Major Edward H E Daniell, D S O, The Royal Irish Regiment, from General Staff Officer, 3rd grade, at the War Office, to be a General Staff Officer, 2nd grade, vice Major H E Gogarty, The Worcestershire Regiment, whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Dated 26th November.

Captain William J N Cooke-Collis, The Royal Irish Rifles, to be a Staff Captain, vice Major C S H Waymouth, The Dorsetshire Regiment, who has resigned that appointment. Dated 15th November.

Captain Francis S K Shaw, retired pay, to be a Deputy Assistant Director of Remounts, vice Brevet Colonel H P Douglas-Willan, C B, retired pay, who has vacated that appointment. Dated 1st December.

Establishments.

School of Musketry, Colonel Harold G Ruggles-Brise, M V O from the Half-pay List, to be Commandant, vice Colonel W. N Congreve, V C, C B M V O, appointed a Brigade Commander. Dated 6th December.

Cavalry.

Life Guards, Second Lieutenant Philip W W [illegible] to be Lieutenant. Dated 10th November.

[illegible] (Princess Royal's) Dragoon Guards, Captain Joseph Montgomery, from 3rd (King's Own) Hussars to be Captain, vice F C Watson who exchanges. Dated 16th December.

Second Lieutenant Arthur L I Friend, from The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th December.

2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys), Second Lieutenant Ralph Whitehead to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th October.

3rd (King's Own) Hussars, Captain Forrester C. Watson, from 7th (Princess Royal's) Dragoon Guards, to be Captain, vice J Montgomery, who exchanges. Dated 16th December.

Lieutenant George R Turner is seconded for service with the Southern Cavalry Depot. Dated 6th September.

11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars, Captain Claude S Rome is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 24th November.

Supernumerary Captain Archibald F Home is restored to the establishment. Dated 24th November.

14th (King's) Hussars, The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains. Dated 17th November. Paul F Villiers, and to remain seconded. Valentine E. Mocatta.

15th (The King's) Hussars, Captain Sydney H. Charrington is seconded for service with the Southern Cavalry Depot. Dated 9th October.

Second Lieutenant John Arnott to be Lieutenant. Dated 9th October.

[illegible] (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers, Captain Douglas H. Talbot is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Yeomanry. Dated 18 November.

19th (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars, Lieutenant Guy Bonham-Carter is seconded for service with the Southern Cavalry Depot. Dated 17th November.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Royal Horse and Field Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel Albert S, Tyndale-Biscoe, on completion of five year's service as a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, retires on retired pay. Dated 14th December.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels are seconded for service on the Staff:—Brevet Colonel Herbert G Smith. Dated 29th November.

The Honourable Francis R. Bingham. Dated 1st December.

The undermentioned Majors to be Lieutenant-Colonel:—Hugh D White-Thomson, DSO, vice H G Smith. Dated 29th November.

William C Stavely, vice the Honourable F R Bingham. Dated 1st December. Major Sholto W. Douglas, D.S.O., retires on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors:—Dudley G Blois. Dated 17th November. William C E Radkin, D S O. Dated 29th November. Captain John H Gibbon is seconded for service with the Officers Traning Corp. dated 10th October.

The undermentioned Supernumerary Captains are restored to the establishment:—Philip A Meldon. dated 25th November. The Honourable Hugh R Scarlett, dated 29th November. Osmond C Du Port. dated 10th December.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are second:—Henry K Sadler for service under the Cololonial Office. dated 22nd November. Walter J McLay for service as an Adjutant of Territorial Artillery. dated 25th November.

Lieutenant Leonard J W Robinson, from the Half-pay List, is restored to the establishment. Dated 28th November.

Supernumerary Lieutenant Hugh R S Massy is restored to the establishment. Dated 9th December.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants under the provisions of Article 27 of the Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1909. Dated 12th December, Douglas Scott, Wilfrid V H Butler and Colin C Langford.

Second Lieutenant Francis H de V Joyce resigns his commission. Date. 16th December.

Royal Garrison Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel George D Daker, on completion of five years, service as a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is placed on the Half-pay List. Dated 4th December,

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles C Wiseman-Clarke retires on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

Major Henry R Cook to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice G D Baker. Dated 4th December.

Major Lawrence C Gordon is placed on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

Major David F H Longan to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice C C Wiseman-Clarke. Dated 16th December.

Supernumerary Major Mordaunt A C Crowe is restored to the establishment. Dated 7th December.

Captain Arthur F U Green is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 24th November.

Supernumerary Captain Thomas A F Robinson is restored to the establishment. Dated 1st December.

The undermentioned Lieutenant to be Captains:—Reginald B Tyrrell, and to remain seconded.

Dated 16th October. Lewis C Adams, and to remain seconded Dated 26th October. Sidney M Toppin. Dated 26 October. Samuel Perry. Dated 15th November, Lieutenant William B P Thring resigns his commission. Dated 16th December, Supernumerary Lieutenant Douglas B C Sladen is restored to the establishment. Dated 1st December. The undermentioned Captain to be Adjutants:—Philip H H Preston. Dated 26th October.

Arthur Erskine-Murray. Dated 1st December.

The undermentioned Captains to be Instructors in Gunnery (Second Class):—

Henry R Brancker. Dated 24th November.

Willoughby J Fowler. Dated 29th November. Serjeant-Major Philip Donahoe to be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant. Dated 16th December.

Foot Guards.

Grenadier Guards, Second Lieutenant (on probation) His Highness Prince Alexander Albert of Battenberg, G C V O, to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 22nd November.

Coldstream Guards, Lieutenant Charles J Murray resigns his commission. Dated 16th December.

Scots Guards, Captain the Honourable John S Coke resigns his commission. Dated 16th December.

Irish Guards, Second Lieutenant Eric J F Gough to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th November.

Infantry.

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), Supernumerary Lieutenant Ernest C Feneran is restored to the establishment. Dated 4th December

The Lincolnshire Regiment, The undermentioned Officers are seconded for service as Adjutants of Territorial Infantry:—

Captain Arthur B. Johnson. Dated 21th November.

Lieutenant John F Richardson. Dated 22nd November.

Second Lieutenant Cecil C Holmes to be Lieutenant. Dated 32nd November.

The Devonshire Regiment, Captain Henry B W Gardiner retires on retird pay. Dated 16th December.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—Richard P. Lewis, and to remain seconded. Dated 16th December.

Claude H M M Imbert-Terry. Dated 16th December.

The Suffolk Regiment, Lieutenant Walter J. Terry is seconded for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 29th November.

Second Lieutenant Ralhp Chalmers to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th November.

The Royal Irish Regiment, Captain Felix Call is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Indian Volunteers. Dated 15th November.

The Lancashire Fusiliers, Captain John F V Thorne, from the Half-pay List, is restored supernumerary to the establishment with precedence next below G S Adams. Dated 14th December.

The Royal Scots Fusilers, The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—Archibald G Bruce. Dated 25th October, Alfred H Connell, Adjutant 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, under the provisions of Article 26, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1909. Dated 17th November, Second Lieutenant Charles J Lyon to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th Oct.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Captain Rugh I Webb-Bowen is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 23rd November.

The South Wales Borderers, Captain and Brevet Major Edgar C Purshas to be Major. Dated 29th November.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), Captain Arthur H Wood is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 1st August.

The East Surrey Regiment, Captain Percy B. Stafford is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 24th November.

The Border Regiment Supernumerary Second Lieutenant Arthur W G Brooke is restored to the establishment. Dated 1st December.

The South Staffordshire Regiment, Second Lieutenant George Dawes to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th November.

Prince Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment) The following notification is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of 12th April, 1904:—Lieutenant Charles R P Winser from half pay, to be Lieutenant to complete establishment, with precedence next below M H B Morgan (since retired) Dated 11th April, 1904.

The promotion to the rank of Captain of Lieutenant Charles R P Winser is antedated to 8th May, 1909, but without pay or allowances prior to 15th May.

The Welsh Regiment Lieutenant Robert H Montgomery to be Captain. Dated 29th July.

The Essex Regiment, Supernumerary Captain Arthur H P Rose is restored to the establishment. Dated 14th November.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are seconded:—Gervase Disney, for service as an Adjutant of Territorial Infantry. Dated 16th November, Arthur St J Wright, for service with the Indian Supply and Transport Corps. Dated 28th November. Lieutenant Ralph H D Wight resigns his commission. Dated 16th December.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—Basil M Ward. Dated 25th September. Donald MacG. Black. Dated 16th November.

The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, Major Russell L. Stable retires on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

Second Lieutenant Leslie P Brotherton to be Lieutenant. Dated 18th October.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps, Supernumerary Captain George F B Hankey is restored to the establishment. Dated 1st December.

Lieutenant Griffith Wynne Finch to be Captain. Dated 12th August.

The promotion to the rank of Lieutenant of Second Lieutenant Stafford H Ferrand is antedated to 12th August.

Second Lieutenant Henry O Curtis to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th September.

The Gordon Highlanders, Lieutenant-Colonel George Staunton, on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion, retires on retired pay. Dated 14th December.

Major Henry P Uniacke to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice G Staunton. Dated 14th December.

Royal Irish Rifles, Captain Arthur D N Merriman is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Territorial Infantry. Dated 14th November.

The Connaught Rangers, Captain Frederick J Byrde to be Major. Dated 25th November.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald L E MacKerrell on completion of his period of service in command of a battalion retires on retired pay. Dated 13 December.

Major Hugh L Henderson to be Lieutenant-Colonel vice R DE Mckerrell. Dated 12th December.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers, Lieutenant Eric L H Henderson to be Adjutant. Dated 5th November.

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Lieutenant George C F Nelson resigns his commission. Dated 16th December.

The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel the Honourable Charles G Fortescue, C B C M G D S O on completion of his period of service in command of a battalion, is placed on the Half-pay List. Dated 16th December.

Major Harold M Biddulph to be Lieutenant-Colonel vice Brevet-Colonel the Honourable C G Fortescue, C B, C M G, D S O. Dated 16th December.

The Army Service Corps.

The undermentioned Captains are seconded for service as Adjutants of Territorial Army Service Corps:—John L Weston. Dated 21st November. Charles W Horton. Dated 23rd November.

The undermentioned Captains are restored to the establishment:—Kenneth D Mackenzie. Dated 21st November. Percy C De la Pryme. Dated 23rd November.

Lieutenant Edward V Thompson resigns his commission. Dated 16th December.

Army Medical Service.

Surgeon-General Sir Francis W Trevor, K C S I, C B, M B, K H S, is retained supernumerary to the establishment, under the provisions of Articles 92 and 472 Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1909. Dated 11th December.

Colonel Thomas M Corker, M D, to be Surgeon-General vice Sir F W Trevor, K C S I, CB, MB, KHS. Dated 11th December.

Colonel (temporary Surgeon-General) William Babtie, VC, CMG, MB, to be Surgeon-General to complete establishment. Dated 11th December.

Lieutenant-Colonel James M Irwan, MB, from the Royal Amy Medical Corps to be Colonel, vice T M Corker, M D. Dated 11th December.

Royal Army Medical Corps, Lieutenant Arthur J O Wigmore resigns his commission. Dated 15th December.

Army Veterinary Service.

Army Veterinary Corps, Lieutenant Leslie L Dixson from half-pay List to be Captain. Dated 8th November and to rank for seniority without pay and allowances from 5th September.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss Bertha Sleanor Smith to be Staff Nurse provisionally. Dated 18th November.

Army Ordnance Department

Major Charles R Hodgins Ordnance Officer 3rd class retires on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

The undermentioned Captains, Ordnance Officers, 3rd class, with the rank of Major. Dated 16th December, Edmund Davidson, and to remain seconded. Robert B. Crofton.

Army Pay Department.

Major Hugh de C. Huntsman, Staff Paymaster, to to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 13th December.

Captain George Monreal, Paymaster, retires on retired pay. Dated 16th December.

Memoranda.

Major-General Sir Robert I, Scallon K C I E, CB, DSO, Indian Army, to be Lieutenant-General, vice Sir E L Elliot, K C B, D S O, retired. Dated 3rd October. Colonel Francis B Longe, C B, retires on an Indian pension. Dated 31st October. Colonel Richard B Gaisford, C B, C M G., is placed on retired pay. Dated 14th December. The undermentioned officers, Half-pay List, retire on retired pay. Dated 16th December. Colonel Thomas G L H Armstrong Brevet Colonel Arthur D Meeres. Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel William J Bonus, D S O, Colonel Louis H Ducrot. Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Sydenham C U Smith, on vacanting his appointment as a Chief Instructor, School of Gunnery, is placed on the Half-pay List. Dated 1st December.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels to be Colonels:—George D Baker. Dated 19th July, George C Nugent, M V O (temporary Colonel) Commanding Irish Guards, Regimental District. Dated 6th December. John Vaughan, D S O (temporary Colonel), Commandant of the Cavalry School. Dated 6th December, Brevet Colonel the Honourable Charles G Fortescue, C B, C M G, D S O, Half-pay List. Dated 16th December, Lieutenant-Colonel John M Burt, Royal Artillery, is granted the local rank of Colonel while commanding the Coast Defences at Harwick. Dated 28th November.

The undermentioned officers are granted honorary rank as follows. Dated 16th December, To be Honorary Majors:—Commissary of Ordnance and Honorary Captain Charles H Honey, Army Ordnance Department.

Quartermaster and Honorary Captain Roland Pillinger, 10th Prince of Wales's Own Royal Hussars To be Honorary Captains:—Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant William H. Hill, The Prince of Wales's Own West Yorkshire Regiment Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant Richard T. Baxter, The Royal Munster Fusiliers.

The undermentioned Quartermasters and Honorary Lieutenants are granted the honorary rank of Captains:—James Preston The Prince of Wales's North Staffordshire Regiment. Dated 4th December, 1911. William R Stainforth. The Buffs East Kent Regiment. Dated 14th December, 1911.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

THE VOICE OF THE GIRAFFE.

Those who read the accounts of the giraffe in the text books, and descriptions given by travellers, may have noticed that no mention is made of its voice. Sportsmen, in fact, allude to its apparent voicelessness. Nor, so far as the records go, has it ever been heard in captivity. Up to the present it appears that no one could say whether the cry of a giraffe was a roar, a bellow, a bleat, or a neigh. Hence the record of the recent experience of a naturalist in East Africa, who has actually heard its voice, is of special interest. His observation is made public in a contribution to the "Field."

HOW IT WAS HEARD.

Mr. Blaney Percival, the naturalist in question, spent the day in concealment over a waterhole where the wild animals came to drink. He had at times giraffe and zebra drinking within 30 feet of him. While thus watching he had the good fortune to hear the giraffe. It was making a bleating noise, but Mr. Percival says it is quite impossible to describe the sound in writing. "The nearest I can get to it," he says, "is 'war-re' rather drawn out, not just a 'baa' like a sheep, but more prolonged, and the softening at the end more noticeable.',

PRESERVATION OF HAILSTONES.

The careful study of hailstones may be expected to throw light on the origin of this peculiar meteoric fall, and also on the conditions of the upper air. But their rapid melting makes this a difficulty. Hence the means recently devised by Prof. Boris Weinberg, of Tomsk, and recorded in "Les Annales," should help to increase our knowledge of the subject of hailstorms and their origin. Prof. Weinberg's plan is to plunge them immediately into a liquid of nearly equal density contained in a double-walled receptacle. The space between the walls is packed with a mixture of ice and copper sulphate, by which the contents are kept at a sufficiently low temperature. When required for study the hailstones are removed, and sliced &c., for microscopic examination. If the phenomenally large hailstones, of which we so frequently read in accounts of storms, could thus be preserved, it might serve to remove a prevailing scepticism regarding their actual size. For the ordinary observer perhaps, a Thermo flask would be found to have sufficiently conservative powers.

A REMARKABLE BIRD.

The Hoatzin, a native of British Guiana, is described by a well-known ornithologist as a "bird with hands." And the peculiarity in its structure which leads to this description is the possession of two free claws on the wing of the young. The nest of the Hoatzin is placed in a tree overhanging the water, and the young, unlike most birds hatched in such a position, are active from the first. And the claws at the ends of the wings are used to assist it in climbing the trees which it does with great dexterity in its early days. The growth of the outermost quill feathers of the wing, which might hamper the free use of the claws is retarded till the rest of the wing is developed sufficiently to render climbing less necessary. Then they grow, and the claws are absorbed and disappear. The adult bird does not require them. Should a young Hoatzin fall into the water it makes for the shore and seizes a branch, up which it quickly climbs.

WERE GAME-BIRDS ONCE CLIMBERS?

It has been pointed out that the young of game-birds show evidence of having formerly possessed similar structures on the wings. It is, therefore, inferred that they had a similar habit, and that in former times they built and reared their young in trees. In this group—including the barn-door fowl—the quill feathers of the wing are still developed in the same order as in the Hoatzin, that is, the outer ones are delayed until the others have reached a certain stage. Traces of the free claws, moreover, can still be found in the embryo. And it is interesting in this connection to remember that even now the pheasant occasionally builds and hatches its young in a tree.

"THE ANCIENT WING."

The most interesting point, perhaps, in connection with the free claws of the Hoatzin is that they recall the remarkable structure of the earliest bird yet known to geology. Archæopteryx, literally "the ancient wing," was a bird about the size of a rook, whose remains have been beautifully preserved in the lithographic slates of Solenhofen. The geological age of these strata is Upper Oolite, the age of Ammonites and strange reptiles. Although the earliest known bird, Archæopteryx, was probably not the earliest wearer of feathers to appear on earth. Future discovery may reveal yet earlier members of the feathered race. The most ancient bird resembled Hoatzin in having free claws to its wings, and, perhaps, like it, used them in climbing. But while the Hoatzin discarded its claws in adult life, Archæopteryx seems to have retained them.

INTERESTING VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

The great eruption of the Taal Volcano in the Philippines early in the present year offers several interesting features. There have been many recorded eruptions of this volcano, and all have been of the explosive type without any flow of molten lava. The violence of the eruptive force has reduced all to dust and ashes. A huge vapour column 10,000 to 30,000 feet high, and visible 250 miles off, was a feature of the present eruption. For three days previous to its occurrence seismic shocks occurred over a wide area. The partial vacuum caused by the explosion set up strong winds blowing towards the volcano, which were felt 39 miles off. Near the volcano they were almost hurricanes.

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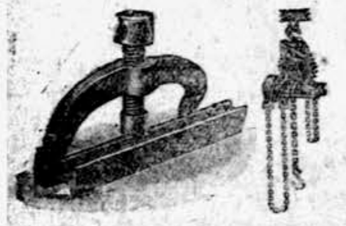

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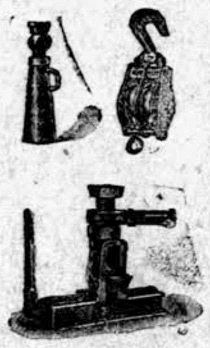

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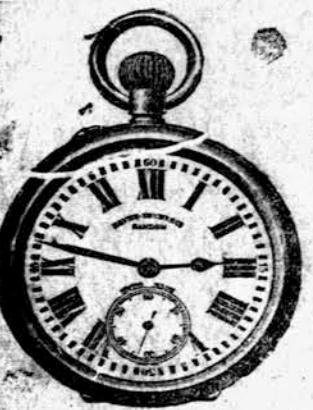

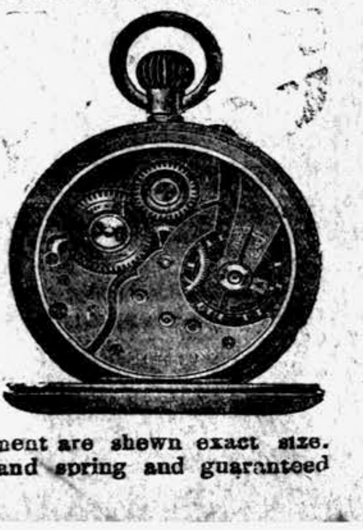

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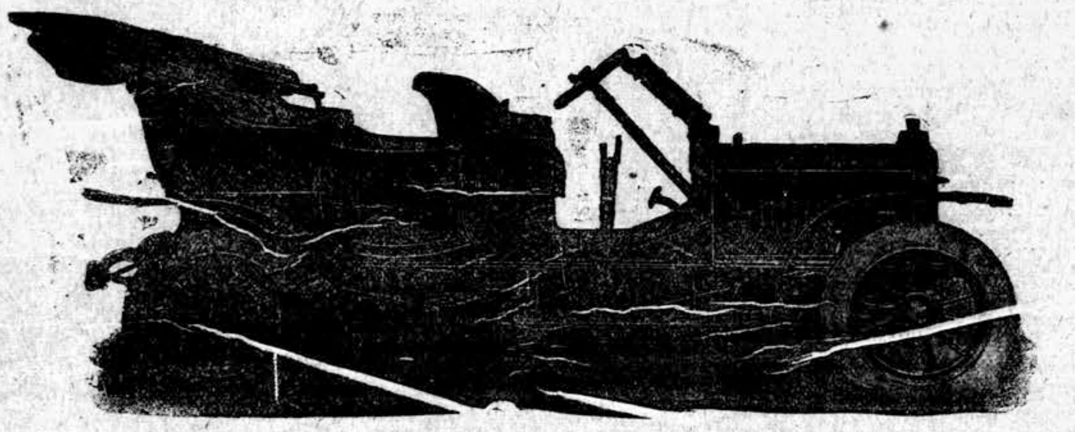

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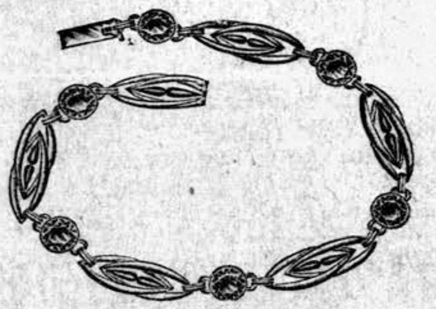

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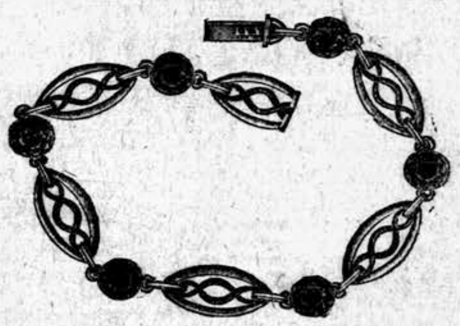

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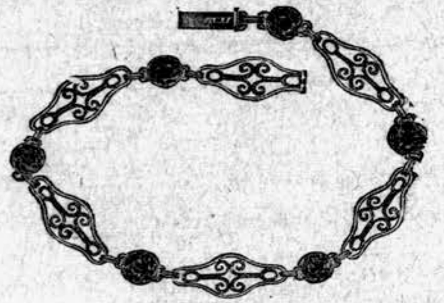

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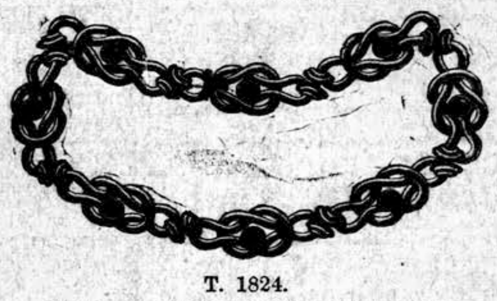

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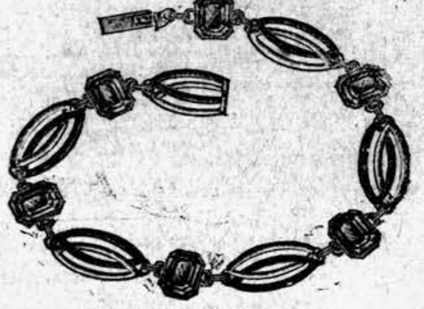

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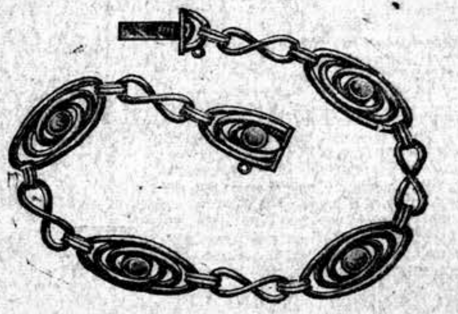

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